



Pollution Control Board:: Assam
Bamunimaidam; Guwahati-21

NOTIFICATION

No. PCBA/LGL-40/2020/NGT/OA249:2020/107

Dated Guwahati, the 22nd Oct, 2021

Sub: Directions under Section 31(A) of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 & Rule 35 of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Assam Rule, 1991 and in compliance of Directives of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in O.A. No. 249/2020 dtd. 09.11.2020 and 01.12.2020.

In compliance of the directions of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in Original Application No. 249/2020 dated 09.11.2020 [Para 48(v)], dtd. 01.12.2020 [Para 32 (i, ii & iii)] and also considering the fact that the bursting of fire crackers releases copious amount of harmful chemicals, which have severe impact on the respiratory health of vulnerable groups and such pollutants can further aggravate health conditions of COVID-19 positives persons besides person staying in home isolation;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 31(A) of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 read with Rule 35 of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Assam Rule, 1991 and keeping in view the need of public interest to curb high air pollution, Pollution Control Board, Assam hereby directs as under –

- 1. Complete ban has been imposed on bursting and sale of all kinds of fire cracker except green crackers in the State of Assam till further order in this respect.**
- 2. In the State of Assam only green crackers can be sold and bursting is allowed only for two hours during Deepawali festivals from 8 pm to 10 pm; during Chatt Puja from 6 am to 8 am and during Christmas & New year eve from 11.55 pm to 12.30 am”.**
- 3. Other than the above specified festivals, prior permission of the concerned Deputy Commissioners of the Districts will be required for use of only green crackers for limited period (not more than two hours) in the State of Assam.**

The District Magistrates and Commissioners / Superintendents of Police shall implement the aforesaid directions. Daily Action Taken Reports to be submitted to Pollution Control Board, Assam.

(Dr Shantanu Kr. Dutta)
Member Secretary

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Copy to:

1. PPS to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam.
2. P.S. to the Hon'ble Minister, Environment & Forest, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Minister Environment & Forest.
3. S.O. to the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for kind information.
4. P.S. to the Director General of Police, Assam, Assam Police Headquarters Ulubari, Guwahati – 781007 for kind information.
5. P.S. to Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Environment & Forests Deptt., Dispur, Guwahati-6 for kind information.

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6. The Chief Executive Officer, Assam State Disaster Management Authority, Govt. of Assam, Assam Secretariat, Dispur, Guwahati-6 for kind information.
7. The Commissioner of Police, Guwahati city for kind information & necessary action.
8. The Commissioner of Divisions, North Assam Division, Tezpur / Upper Assam Division, Jorhat / Lower Assam Division, Panbazar, Guwahati / Hills & Barak Valley Division, Guwahati / Central Assam Division, Nagaon for kind information & necessary action.
9. The Commissioner, Guwahati Municipal Corporation for kind information & necessary action.
10. The Deputy Commissioner, all districts for kind information & necessary action.
11. The Superintendent of Police, all districts for kind information & necessary action.
12. The Chief Executive Officer, Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority for information & necessary action.
13. All District Municipal Board/Town Committee in the State of Assam for information and necessary action.
14. The Regional Officer, Regional Office, Guwahati-1 / Guwahati-2 / Tezpur / Nagaon / Sivasagar / Bongaigaon / Golaghat / Silchar / Dibrugarh, Pollution Control Board, Assam for information & necessary action.
15. M/s. APS Advertising Pvt. Ltd., Guwahati-1-requested to publish the '**Notification**' in the 'The Assam Tribune', 'Dainik Janambhumi' and 'Amar Axom' in all editions immediately on **23/10/2021** and submit the bill for necessary payment.
16. Website of the Pollution Control Board, Assam viz www.pcbassam.org
17. The PRO, PCBA for information & necessary action.

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