

No. MPCB / JD(APC) / 8-0218

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To,
The Municipal Commissioner,
Mumbai / Navi-Mumbai/Thane/Kalyan-Dombivali/
Mira-Bhayander/Bhiwandi/Ulhasnagar/Panvel/Vasai-Virar
Municipal Corporation.

Sub: Installation of sensor-based pollution indicators/monitors at construction sites.

Ref: 1) Directions u/s 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 issued by the Board vide dtd. 02.11.2023
2) Order passed by the Hon'ble High court in Suo Moto PIL 3 of 2023 on 09.01.2025.

Respected Sir,

May I refer to the directions u/s 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 issued to the corporation for mitigation of air pollution from Construction & Demolition (C&D) activities. Further, ULBs were directed to ensure compliance regarding – 'All construction sites to deploy sensor-based air pollution monitors at work sites and act immediately on observing pollution levels exceeding the limit. The monitoring data shall be made available for inspection to BMC authorities as and when demanded'.

Further, we also refer to the order dtd. 09/01/2025 passed by the Hon'ble High Court Bombay wherein the Hon'ble High Court has directed that pollution indicators shall be installed on all construction sites in which construction is in progress. The Hon'ble High Court further directed that all the devices / monitors be centrally connected, and an appropriate surveillance of the pollution generated by construction sites be rigorously observed and if such devices are not installed on construction sites, the same be done within one month and action to be taken against such non-complying units including closing such sites till compliances are achieved.


In compliance of the order dtd. 09/01/2025 passed by the Hon'ble High Court, BMC is requested to ensure mandatory installation of pollution indicators on all construction sites within jurisdiction of BMC and monitor the pollution levels through a Central Command & Control Room.

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Since there are no standard guidelines for the pollution indicator devices from Central Pollution Control Board therefore the BIS standards shall be followed for the installation of pollution indicators.

Yours sincerely,


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Member Secretary

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Hon'ble Chairman, MPC Board, Sion, Mumbai - for favour of information

Copy to:

- 1) Joint Director (APC), MPC Board, Sion, Mumbai - for information
- 2) Chief Engineer, Env. & CC Dept., MCGM - for information
- 3) Regional Officer Mumbai, MPC Board - You are hereby directed to co-ordinate with BMC for effective implementation.