



Government of Punjab
Department of Science, Technology & Environment
(STE Branch)

NOTIFICATION

No.

Dated, Chandigarh:

Subject: Policy to regulate the use of Pet Coke and Furnace Oil and for promoting cleaner fuels in the State of Punjab.

In order to address the problem of air pollution in the State of Punjab and in accordance with the provisions of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Govt. of Punjab in consultation with Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) has declared whole of the State as 'Air Pollution Control Area' under section 19(1) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 vide Notification No. SO21/C.A.14/81/S.19/88 dated 02.03.1988;

And whereas, the Govt. of Punjab, vide Notification No.4/46/92-3ST/2839 dated 29.12.1993 has banned the use and burning of rubber scrap, tyre, oil sludge, acid sludge and loose rice husk as fuel, in the State of Punjab, as detailed below:

- (I) Rubber in any form with effect from 1.4.1994;
- (II) Process waste containing Sulphur and toxic substances with effect from 1.4.1994;
- (III) Rice Husk (except in the form of fuel briquettes and use of rice husk in fluidized bed combustion) as fuel in the air pollution control area with effect from 1.4.1994.

And whereas, the Govt. of Punjab & Punjab Pollution Control Board, from time to time, are taking all such measures which are required for the reduction and control of air pollution in the State of Punjab including the regulation and use of such fuels which may or may have an adverse impact on the quality of environment in the State;

And whereas, the usage of pet coke and furnace oil as fuel in the boilers/furnaces or in any other form by the industry, needs to be regulated due to presence of higher sulphur content leading to Sulphur Dioxide (SO₂) emissions in the ambient air, which may affect the environment;