

Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)

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CPCB issued the directions for strict action against air polluting activities in Delhi

About the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)

- The **CPCB is a statutory organisation**
- It was **constituted in September 1974 under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.**
- Further, CPCB was entrusted with the **powers and functions under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.**
- It serves as a field formation and also provides technical services to the Ministry of Environment and Forests of the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- **Principal Functions of the CPCB, as spelt out in the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 are:**
 1. to **promote cleanliness of streams and wells** in different areas of the States by prevention, control and abatement of water pollution, and
 2. to **improve the quality of air** and to prevent, control or abate air pollution in the country.

Other functions of CPCB at National level

- **Advise the Central Government on any matter concerning prevention and control of water and air pollution** and improvement of the quality of air.
- **Plan and cause to be executed a nation-wide program** for

the prevention, control or abatement of water and air pollution

- **Coordinate the activities of the State Board** and resolve disputes among them
- Provide **technical assistance and guidance to the State Boards**, carry out and sponsor investigation and research relating to problems of water and air pollution, and for their prevention, control or abatement
- Plan and organise training of persons engaged in programme on the prevention, control or abatement of water and air pollution
- Organise through mass media, a comprehensive mass awareness programme on the prevention, control or abatement of water and air pollution
- **Collect, compile and publish technical and statistical data relating to water and air pollution** and the measures devised for their effective prevention, control or abatement
- Prepare manuals, codes and guidelines relating to treatment and disposal of sewage and trade effluents as well as for stack gas cleaning devices, stacks and ducts
- Disseminate information in respect of matters relating to water and air pollution and their prevention and control
- Lay down, modify or annul, in consultation with the State Governments concerned, the standards for stream or well, and lay down standards for the quality of air