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**Letter No. TNPCB/P&D/F.3735/2012, Dated: 07.10.2024**

**Sir/Madam,**

**Sub:** TNPC Board – P&D – Deepavali Awareness on Air and Noise pollution caused by bursting of crackers – Compliance of Hon'ble Supreme Court order - Deepavali – 2024 - Reg.

**Ref:** Hon'ble Supreme Court of India Judgement dated 23.10.2018 in W.P. (C) No. 728 of 2015 (copy enclosed by mail)

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I am to inform that the Deepavali Festival will be celebrated on 31.10.2024. It is one of the important festivals celebrated by people of our Country. During Deepavali along with wearing of new clothes and distribution of sweets, bursting of crackers with colourful lights have become customary for many generations to show the happiness. But bursting of fire crackers by people causes noise and air pollution.

A Public Interest Litigation was filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India with a request to ban the production and sale of the crackers. However, considering the direct and indirect employment in the field of production and sale of crackers in Tamil Nadu and to safe guard the traditional / cultural way of celebrating the Deepavali Festival, the Government of Tamil Nadu impleaded as respondent in this case. Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the Judgement dated 23.10.2018 cited under reference (1) have instructed to manufacture crackers by using raw material that will reduce emission level besides directing them to manufacture and sell Green crackers in future.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the above said order have also instructed to create adequate awareness among public on Air/noise pollution due to bursting of crackers and to encourage community bursting of crackers at a particular period of time. Based on the above, the Government of Tamil Nadu have permitted

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