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FOREST & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

ORDER

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No. 19655—ENV-BF-16/2016-F&E.—Whereas, the Departmentally Related Standing Committee - VII in its 3rd Report recommended to restrict the use of raw coal in roadside dhabas since unrestricted use of raw coal as fuel in roadside dhabas is causing severe air pollution ;

Whereas, the Odisha State Pollution Control Board endorsed the views of the aforesaid Standing Committee and opined that use of raw coal in roadside dhabas are mostly prevalent in the districts of Dhenkanal, Angul, Sambalpur, Jharsuguda and Sundargarh, because of easy availability of coal ;

And whereas, control measures for pollution emanating from such kind of non-point sources are not available.

Now, therefore, the State Government by virtue of the power conferred under sub-section (3) of Section 19 of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board, issues the following orders in the interest of general public :—

- (1) No person, including owner or operator of roadside dhabas in the districts of Dhenkanal, Angul, Sambalpur, Jharsuguda and Sundargarh shall use raw coal as fuel.
- (2) Respective District Collectors and District Magistrates shall ensure the enforcement of this order of prohibition. In case, any person violates the provision of this order, he/she shall prosecute such person by invoking the power under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code.
- (3) The State Pollution Control Board shall generate mass awareness through print and electronic media regarding the ill effects of smokes emitted from roadside dhabas.

The order shall come into operation on completion of 3 months from the date of its publication in the *Odisha Gazette*.

By order of the Governor

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Principal Secretary to Government