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CIRCULAR

Sub: Strict adherence to the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 in the Masajid & Dargahs in the State of Karnataka - reg.

Ref: Proceeding of the 327th Board Meeting held on 19.12.2020

The Karnataka State Board of Auqaf its 327th meeting held on 19.12.2020 discussed regarding strict adherence to the noise pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules 2000 in the Masajid and Dargahs in the State of Karnataka and it has unanimously resolved that, create awareness amongst the managements of Masajid and Dargah. Further, It is observed that increasing ambient noise level around many a Masajid and Dargahs due to generator sets, loud speakers and public address systems have deleterious effects on human health and the psychological well-being of the people. With the objective of maintaining the ambient standards of noise The Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 are in force.

The loud speakers shall not be used in night time which shall mean from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. The area comprising not less than 100 meters around Hospitals, educational Institutions and Courts are declared as silence zone. Whoever uses any sound amplifier, or burst sound emitting fire crackers, uses a loud speaker or public address system in the silence zone is liable for penalty under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

The Board in its circular dtd:10-07-2017 has issued instructions to all the Mutawallis and Managing Committees in the state to follow the ambient noise standards as per The Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000. The issue of use of loudspeaker in the Masajid has been raised from time to time in the various Courts across the country. It is heartening to note that some of the Masajid are adherent to these Rules scrupulously. Nevertheless, in order to prevent discomfort and to improve the quality of life reiterating the principle of prevention is the best antidote and the paramount importance attached by Islam over harmonious and sustainable protection of natural environment, there is a need to issue following instructions to all the managements of Masajid & Dargahs for strictest compliance:-

1. Loudspeakers shall not be used from 10:00 p.m. onwards up to 6:00 a.m.,
2. Loudspeakers used during day shall be as per the ambient air quality standards in respect of noise, prescribed under the aforesaid Rules which is reproduced below:

Category of Area/Zone	Limits in dB(A) Leq	
	Day time	Night time
1	2	3
Industrial area	75	70
Commercial area	65	55
Residential are	55	45
Silence Zone	50	40

3. Loudspeaker shall be used only for Azan and important announcements such as death, timing of burial, sighting of moon etc.,
4. Congregational Salat, Juma Qutba, Bayans, religious, socio-cultural and knowledge-based functions shall be performed with the speakers installed in the religious premises,
5. Noise governing apparatus may be installed in the Institution in consultation with the local Environment Officers,
6. The management of the Institutions shall train the Mauzzin to operate the amplifier within the prescribed limit,
7. No sound emitting fire crackers shall be burnt in or around the Masajid and Dargahs at any occasion,
8. The incidence or carrying on in or upon, any premises of any trade, avocation or operation or process resulting in or attended with Noise,
9. Open spaces of the Masajid and Dargahs shall be used for plantation of fruit bearing shady trees and ornamental plants. Drinking water tanks may be constructed for animals and birds if possible,
10. Clean and hygienic atmosphere shall be maintained,
11. Discourage beggary in the religious premises, instead counseling and philanthropic measures may be taken at Institution level.

Hence, hereby directed to all the Waqf Officers, Waqf Inspectors, Surveyors and Auditors in the State shall guide the employees of Masajid and Dargahs and create awareness among the Managements of Masajid and Dargahs and monitor its implementation without fail.


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Copies to

1. All the Waqf Officers/Waqf Inspectors/Surveyors/Auditors in the State.
2. All the Waqf Officers, District Waqf Advisory Committees in the State.