

TAMILNADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

(APPLY ONLINE)

SALIENT FEATURES OF THE AIR (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1981 AS AMENDED IN 1987.

- Section 17** : Empowers the Board to lay down emission of air pollutants and ambient air quality standards in consultation with Central Pollution Control Board.
- Section 19** : Entire State of Tamil Nadu has been declared as air pollution control area by the State Government.
- Section 21** : Requires the industries to obtain the consent from the Board to establish/ operate the unit in the air Pollution control area.
- Section 22** : Prohibits the emission of pollutants in excess of the standards laid down by the Board.
- Section 22A** : Empowers the Board to seek intervention of Court to restrain emissions exceeding the standards.
- Section 23** : Requires the industries to furnish information on the emissions in excess of the standards laid down by the Board
- Section 26** : Empowers the collection of samples of air or emissions from any chimney, stack, flue or duct or any other outlet.
- Section 31** : Provides for appeal against the orders of the Board under the Air Act. Appeal has to be made to the Appellate Authority, within thirty days from the date on which the order is communicated.
- Section 31A** : Empowers the Board to issue direction for closure, prohibition or regulation of any industry, operation or process or the stoppage or regulation or supply of electricity, water or any other service.
- Section 37** : Failure to comply with the provisions of section 21 (or) section 22 or directions issued under section 31A is punishable with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than one year and six months, but which may extend to six years and with fine.

Continued offence is punishable with an additional fine which may extend to five thousand rupees for every day during which such failure continues. If the offence continues beyond one year after the date of conviction, the offender is punishable with imprisonment which shall not be less than two years but which may extend to seven years and with fine.

Section 38 : Offences like furnishing false information, non-furnishing information is punishable with imprisonment upto 3 months and fine upto 10,000 rupees or both.

Section 40 : Where an offence under this act has been committed by a company, every person who, at the time the offence was committed, was directly incharge of, and was responsible to, the company for the conduct of the business of the company, as well as the company, shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.