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The Supreme Court has directed the central and state pollution control board officers (SPCB) to conduct surprise inspections of brick kiln industries in the National Capital Region.

Pollution boards must inspect without giving any notice or warning to the concerned stakeholders of the industries. SPCB must ensure that the terms of notification related to the running of the brick kiln are being followed properly.

The bench consisting of Justices KM Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy had issued directions for the proper functioning of the Brick making industries in the national capital region.

The court has imposed various restrictions on the brick industries. Only those brick kilns are allowed to function who have the consent to operate and have also declared the production capacity out of the total 2,164. Further, the brick kilns that fail to comply with these norms won't be allowed to operate.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change issued the notification regarding these norms on 22 February.

The court said that person running the brick kiln must report the total production carried out in their units in each cycle to the state pollution control board. The State Board shall intimate these numbers to the central pollution control board, who will show the production chart to the supreme court. Based on these charts, the supreme court will decide whether the court's order is being violated or not.

"The central pollution control board and the state pollution control board will monitor the impact of the pollution generated as a result of the units being permitted to operate, and carrying out the production in such form as is measurable," said the court. The matter is listed for hearing on 6 May 2022.



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