

SCHEDULE
see rule 3(l) and 4(l)

Ambient Air Quality Standards in respect of Noise

Area Code	Category of Area/Zone	Limits in dB(A) L_{eq} *	
		Day Time	Night Time
A	Industrial area	75	70
B	Commercial area	65	55
C	Residential area	55	45
D	Silence Zone	50	40

Note:

1. Day time shall mean from 6.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.
2. Night time shall mean from 10.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m.
3. Silence zone is an area comprising not less than 100 meters around hospitals, educational institutions, courts, religious places or any other area which is declared as such by competent authority.
4. Mixed categories of areas may be declared as one of the four above mentioned categories by the competent authority.

*dB(A) L_{eq} denotes the time weighted average of the level of sound in decibels on scale A which is relatable to human hearing.

A "decibel" is a unit in which noise is measured.

"A", in dB(A) L_{eq} , denotes the frequency weighting in the measurement of noise and corresponds to frequency response characteristics of the human ear.

L_{eq} : It is an energy mean of the noise level, over a specified period.