

Agriculture Department appeals to famers not to burn crop residue

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Harvesting of paddy generates large volume of residues/ stubbles both on and off farm. A large portion of crop residue is burnt 'on-farm' primarily to clean the field for sowing the next crop. Burning crop residue causes phenomenal pollution problems in the atmosphere and huge nutritional loss and physical health deterioration to the soil.

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), New Delhi has given Direction under Section 18(1)(b) of Air (Protection and Control of Pollution Act 1981 for comprehensive management of paddy straw and other agro residues.

As harvesting of paddy has already started, Directorate of Agriculture is creating awareness among the farming community to stop burning of crop residues and make appropriate use of it to avoid environmental pollution

The Directorate of Agriculture appeals to all farmers to recycle or make appropriate use of crop residues instead of burning.

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