

# Noise pollution level goes through roof in Gachibowli

Once a suburb, quiet and pristine, tucked away along the Mumbai old highway, Gachibowli now is abuzz through the day as well as at night. Over the years, the urban development at Gachibowli has triggered sharp rise in the number of vehicles, which in turn has caused rise in noise pollution levels.

The data generated from Pollution Control Board (PCB) monitoring of the city shows Gachibowli recordings falling to 64 decibel (dB) as against the standard of 50 dB prescribed for a sensitive zone. The data also shows the noise levels inching past the sensitive zone limits with 56 dB during day time and 52 dB at nights.

The highest noise level of 74 dB in the city was recorded at Abids against the commercial area standard of 65 dB, while other commercial centres too have logged above 70 dB, with Paradise recording 73 dB, JNTU and RC Puram both recording 72 dB.

As against recommended 55 dB for residential areas, Tarnaka has 65 dB and Jubilee Hills 61 dB. Incidentally, the industrial areas which have been given a threshold of 75 dB has the PCB data for the month of July showing both Jeedimetla and Gaddapotharam recording 68 dB.

Describing noise pollution as a cause of concern, the PCB officials said they were on measures to check them and focussing on educating the public.

“Controlling noise pollution is on one of our priority area and we working on ways to spread awareness in the matter,” Chinnappa Reddy, an official with PCB said.