

ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION (PREVENTION & CONTROL) AUTHORITY
for the National Capital Region

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Chairman

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Dear *Sh. Kuthy,*

EPCA has been entrusted with the responsibility of the implementation of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) by MoEF&CC vide notification dated January 12, 2017. Accordingly, EPCA is regularly reviewing the air quality status of Delhi and NCR and accordingly issuing directions to concerned stakeholders to implement the action points listed under GRAP based on the category of AQI.

EPCA convened a meeting today to review the air quality status of Delhi-NCR and Member Secretary, CPCB informed EPCA that air quality in Delhi and NCR is in the **severe category** and this will continue to prevail for next 48 hours in light of the weather conditions prevailing in Delhi-NCR.

Considering the **severe air quality** condition prevailing in Delhi-NCR, EPCA has decided that the measures listed under this category of GRAP are required to be implemented by the NCR State Governments immediately. These directions/measures will remain in force till further orders.

Accordingly, the Government of Delhi is hereby directed to implement the following actions listed in the severe and very poor category AQI in GRAP:

1. **Closure of all brick kiln, other than those that have been certified to have converted to zig zag. As of date, not a single brick kiln has been verified by the state pollution board as per the procedure laid down by EPCA. All brick kilns in NCR will be shut till further notice.**
2. **Closure of all hot mix plants**
3. **Closure of all stone crushers**
4. **Steps to immediately intensify public transport service, by ensuring there are more buses on road, which are run with reliable service.**
5. **Immediately increase frequency of service of Delhi Metro, including deploying more coaches and introduction of lower fares during off peak hours during this severe period.**
6. **All state pollution control boards to immediately impose fines on all road constructing agencies where there are inadequate dust control measures. Taking into account the provision of C&D rules, which allow for penalty of up to Rs 5 lakh for construction dust mismanagement, EPCA is directing for a fine of Rs 50,000 to be imposed as penalty per day per stretch for inadequate road dust control.**
7. **Intensification of mechanized road sweeping and sprinkling of water**
8. **Continuation of the ban on use of generator sets in Delhi, with exceptions only as defined by DPCC for essential services**
9. **Immediate enhancement of parking fee by 4 times and depositing additional funds in dedicated parking fund with municipalities**

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10. Immediately stop use of coal and firewood in hotels and eateries. Implementation of the Hon'ble Supreme Court order on ban on sale and use of pet coke and furnace oil.
11. Intensify traffic management in all hotspots and increase deployment of traffic police to avoid congestion.
12. Intensify the enforcement of non-destined goods traffic into Delhi by physically checking all vehicles and turning them back – also, putting out public announcements of the numbers that are turned back.

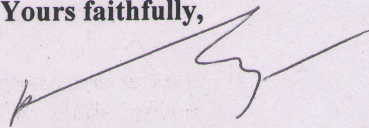
EPCA is also monitoring the situation carefully in coordination with the CPCB task force. Given the prevailing conditions and the concern about the possible deterioration in weather conditions, it is possible that severe plus or emergency conditions would need to be imposed in the coming days. EPCA is, therefore, directing governments to ensure that all agencies are ready to implement tougher measures as laid down in GRAP, including stopping of construction activities and introduction of odd-even scheme to restrain traffic on the road.

In addition, the EPCA is also advising schools to stop all outdoor activities and to keep exposure to a minimum. This is also advised to all citizens of Delhi and NCR. Under severe conditions as prevailing today, the health advisory of MOEF&CC says that it may cause respiratory effects even on healthy people. Therefore, exposure and outdoor activities, including intense physical activities should be minimised.

You are requested to immediately take steps to ensure compliance of these directions. We would request you to ensure that all agencies are informed of these directions and take the necessary steps. You are also requested to monitor the action taken and report to EPCA.

With regards,

Yours faithfully,


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