

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

Dr Bhure Lal
Chairman

EPCA-R/2017/L-60
November 16, 2017

Dear

Sh. K. K. K.

This has reference to the letter of November 7, 2017 (EPCA No. R/2017/L-55) and the subsequent meeting with the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Delhi on November 8, 2017 regarding implementation of the Graded Response Action Plan as notified by Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change on January 12, 2017 on the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

On November 8, 2017, we had observed that air quality in NCR was in the 'Severe Plus' category and issued directions as follows:

1. To stop all construction activities with immediate effect, until further notice
2. To stop the entry of truck traffic into Delhi (except those with essential commodities), until further notice.

As of today, that is November 16 at 8.00 am, 48 hours have lapsed since NCR and Delhi has seen improvement in air quality and the region is now in the 'Very Poor' category in terms of the Air Quality Index (AQI).

Given this improvement, EPCA is now directing that the above two conditions, imposed on November 8, 2017 when air quality was in the 'Severe Plus' category can be lifted with immediate effect.

Furthermore, on November 7, vide letter no EPCA-R/2017/L-55 EPCA had directed immediate enhancement of parking fee by four times and that the additional funds were to be deposited in dedicated parking fund with municipalities. This measure was imposed as part of the 'Very Poor' category.

This condition is also being lifted with immediate effect.

This is because EPCA has been informed of the problems in effective enforcement of this measure and that it has led to increased parking on the road, which adds to traffic congestion. EPCA believes this is because of lack of enforcement and that enhancement of parking fee is an important car-restraint measure. However, this measure has been made ineffective partly because of the lack of public transport and partly because of poor enforcement of illegal and unauthorized parking. These problems will need to be sorted out urgently so that this measure can be re-imposed with effective enforcement.

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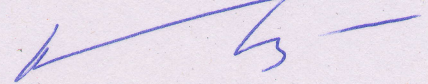
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The other conditions directed in our letter of November 7, 2017 will remain enforced till further notice. We are watching the situation very carefully and we have been informed by the Indian Meteorological Department and the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology that pollution may rise again because of increased moisture in the air in the coming days. However, if the conditions continue to improve and air quality stabilizes, we will review the measures under the 'Severe' category and inform you accordingly.

With regards,

Yours faithfully,



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