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

Dr. Bhure Lal Chairman EPCA-R/2020/L-43 October 14, 2020

Most Urgent

Dear Sir,

This is in continuation to my letter ref: EPCA-R/2020/L-38 dated 08.10.2020, directing to enforce very poor/severe category measures under GRAP from October 15, 2020, including the ban on use of diesel generator sets (other than essential/emergency services) in Delhi and in vicinity towns, i.e. Ghaziabad, Noida, Greater Noida, Faridabad and Gurugram.

EPCA has examined the list of exclusions and emergency services that were permitted in Delhi-NCR in the last winter and accordingly, the following essential services are exempted from the said ban:

- 1. Medical Purpose (Hospitals/ Nursing Homes/ Health Care Facilities)
- 2. Elevators (Lifts)/ Escalators
- 3. Railway Services/ Railway Stations
- 4. Metro Rail Corporation Services including its Trains & Metro Stations
- 5. Airports and Inter State Bus Terminals (ISBTs)

You are requested to issue directions to implementing agencies to ensure enforcement of DG Set ban except for above cited exceptions. Further, you may issue directions to State Electricity Boards for 24x7 electricity in these towns to avoid requirement of operating DG sets and inconvenience to public.

As you are aware that any deterioration in ambient air quality in the region during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic would have considerable ramifications in terms of health of the residents of Delhi-NCR, sincere efforts must be made to ensure that the ban is effective and monitored rigorously in your area.

Yours faithfully,

(Bhure Lal) Chairman, EPCA

To: Shri Vijay Kumar Dev, IAS Chief Secretary, Govt. of NCT Delhi

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