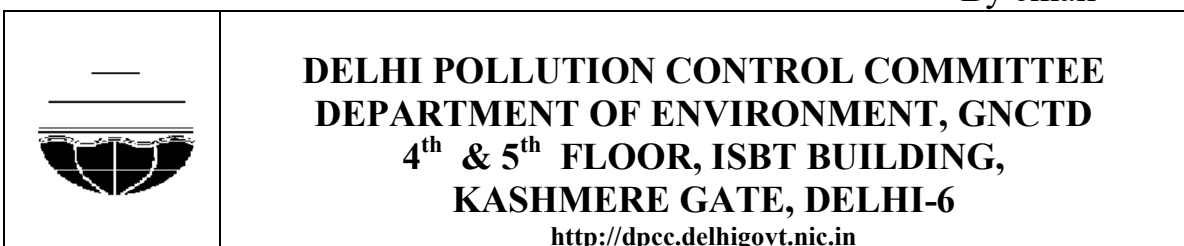


By email



F.No. DPCC/CAQM/2022/1457-1468

Dated: 29/10/2022

Subject: Directions under section 31 (A) of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, read with Rule 20 (A) (6) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) (Union Territories) Rules, 1983, to enforce strict ban on construction activity in GNCTD in terms of the direction dated 29.10.2022 issued by Commission For Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas, in pursuance of the Revised Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP).

Whereas, Central Pollution Control Board is the State Board for all the Union Territories to exercise powers and performs functions under the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

And whereas, Central Pollution Control Board has delegated all its powers and functions under Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 in respect of NCT of Delhi-to-Delhi Pollution Control Committee vide Notification No. S.O. 198(E) dated 15.03.1991.

And whereas, the whole Union Territory of Delhi has been declared as an Air Pollution Control area, under sub section (1) of section 19 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 vide notification no. GSR 106 (E) dated 20.02.1987.

And whereas, Delhi faces grave air pollution particularly in winter season and level of pollutants like Particulate Matter Concentration (PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀) goes much beyond the prescribed standards for Ambient Air Quality.

And whereas, the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and adjoining areas has repeatedly taken up the matter relating to air pollution with Government of NCT of Delhi and various organizations and has issued various Directions, Advisories and Orders for effective implementation of measures for abating air pollution in NCR from time to time.

And whereas, Commission For Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) issued revised Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), vide directions dated 05.08.2022.

And whereas, as per the dynamic model and weather/ meteorological forecast, the overall air quality over Delhi is likely to remain in Very Poor to Severe category from 29.10.2022 and 30.10.2022. The air quality is likely to deteriorate and remain in Severe category from 31.10.2022 to 01.11.2022 and for the subsequent 6 Days, the air quality is likely to fluctuate between Severe to Very Poor category.

And whereas, the winds are forecasted to be calm in the coming days and the wind direction is likely to change course frequently. Thus, there is a high likelihood of the pollutants getting trapped in the region and not getting dispersed effectively.

And whereas, in the wake of deteriorating air quality of the National Capital Region, the Sub-Committee for invoking actions under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) of the CAQM held an emergency meeting on 29.10.2022; and the Commission while comprehensively reviewing the overall air quality parameters noted that due to unfavourable meteorological conditions with slower wind speed and sudden spike in the farm fire incidents, it is considered necessary to implement Stage III of GRAP with immediate effect in the entire NCR.

And whereas the following action on construction and demolition activities is one of the crucial actions envisaged and invoked under the Stage III of GRAP for strict implementation:

- (I) Enforce strict ban on construction and demolition activities in the entire NCR, except for the following categories of projects:
- a) Railway services / Railway stations
 - b) Metro Rail Services including stations.
 - c) Airports and Inter State Bus Terminals.
 - d) National security/ defence related activities/ projects of national importance;
 - e) Hospitals/ health care facilities.
 - f) Linear public projects such as highways, roads, flyovers, over bridges, power transmission, pipelines etc.
 - g) Sanitation projects like sewage treatment plants and water supply projects etc.;
 - h) Ancillary activities specific to and supplementing above categories of projects.

Note: The above exemptions shall be further subject to strict compliance of the C&D Waste Management Rules, dust prevention/ control norms including compliance with the directions of the Commission issued from time to time in this regard.

(II) Other than the projects exempted under (I) above, dust generating/ air pollution causing C & D activities to be strictly banned during this period shall include:

- Earthwork for excavation and filling including boring & drilling works.
- All structural construction works including fabrication and welding operations.
- Demolition works.
- Loading & unloading of construction materials anywhere within or outside the project sites.
- Transfer of raw materials either manually or through conveyor belts, including fly ash.
- Movement of vehicles on unpaved roads.
- Operation of batching plant.
- Laying of sewer line, waterline, drainage work and electric cabling by open trench system.
- Cutting and fixing of tiles, stones and other flooring materials.
- Grinding activities.
- Piling work.
- Water Proofing work.
- Road construction/ repair works including paving of sidewalks/ pathways and central verges etc.

(iii) For all construction projects in NCR, non-polluting / non-dust generating activities such as plumbing works, interior decoration, electrical works and carpentry related works shall be permitted to be continued.

Now, therefore, in view of the above and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 31(A) of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, read with Rule 20 (A) (6) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) (Union Territories) Rules, 1983, and keeping in view the need in public interest to curb severe air pollution in Delhi, Delhi Pollution Control Committee hereby directs implementation and enforcement of the strict ban on construction and demolition activities except for exempted categories and activities, without any default and demur, whenever the Stages III and IV of GRAP are in force.

Compliance of the above direction shall be emailed at msdpcc@nic.in and greenwarroom@gmail.com during the GRAP period without fail.

The list of construction and demolition projects covered under the exempted categories of projects shall be emailed at msdpcc@nic.in and greenwarroom@gmail.com on or before 02.11.2022.

The violation of the directions issued under Section 31(A) of the Air Act, 1981 shall be punishable under Section 37 of the said Act which includes imprisonment upto Six years and fine.



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To,

1. The Vice Chairman, DDA, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi
2. The Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Dr.SPM, Civic Centre, Minto Road, Delhi.
3. The Chairman, National Highway Authority of India G-5&6, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075.
4. The Director General, CPWD, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. The Secretary, PWD, GNCTD, Delhi Secretariat, IP Estate, Delhi-02
6. Director, National Building Construction Corporation (India) Ltd., NBCC Bhawan, Bhishma Pitamah Marg Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003.
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8. Managing Director, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, Metro Bhawan, Fire Brigade Lane Barakhamba Road, New Delhi-110001
9. The Secretary, New Delhi Municipal Council, Palika Kendra, Parliament Street, New Delhi.

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3. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister, Environment, GNCTD
4. PPS to Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, GNCTD
5. In-Charges, All Cells, Delhi Pollution Control Committee