

# **Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

- **40 inspection teams/ flying squads constituted by CAQM are under directions to actively inspect, supervise and rigorously monitor enforcement and compliance of air pollution laws and statutory directions issued to improve the air quality of Delhi-NCR**
- **CAQM has also advised other implementing agencies including the State Government authorities and SPCBs to ensure compliance and strict implementation of the directions**
- **As air quality is likely to dip in the coming days, CAQM urges all concerned including Industries and Project Proponents of C&D sites to strictly follow the Statutory Directions**
- **Citizens are advised to strictly follow steps highlighted in the Citizen Charter in each stage of the GRAP earnestly in the days to come**
- **Violations and non-compliances are being viewed very seriously and gross violations shall attract immediate closure**
- **As on 14.10.2022, more than 8,580 sites have been inspected by CAQM Flying Squads and closure directions have been issued to 491 gross defaulters**

**NEW DELHI:**

Intensifying its actions in the battle against air pollution in Delhi-NCR in the coming days, the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) today has urged all concerned including Industries and Project Proponents of Construction & Demolition (C&D) sites to strictly follow the Statutory Directions issued by the Commission.

Citizens are also advised to strictly follow steps highlighted in the Citizen Charter in each stage of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) earnestly in the days to come.

The 40 inspection teams/ flying squads constituted by the Commission are under directions to intensify inspections, supervise and rigorously monitor enforcement and compliance of statutory directions issued by the Commission to ameliorate the air quality of Delhi-NCR. These flying squads will conduct surprise inspections and field level incognito checks at industrial units, C&D sites, commercial/ residential units, air pollution hotspots, etc. These flying squads will widely cover all parts of the Delhi-NCR to track down violators and report the details to the Commission for stringent actions against them.

As on 14.10.2022, more than 8,580 sites were inspected by the CAQM flying squads and closure directions have been issued to 491 defaulters flouting the statutory directions of the Commission, 110 in Delhi; 118 in Haryana (NCR); 211 in Uttar Pradesh (NCR); and 52 in Rajasthan (NCR).

CAQM will make every effort towards strict enforcement of its statutory directions and orders. Violations and non-compliance of the directions issued by the Commission air pollution control rules/ regulations are being viewed very seriously. The Commission in case of gross violations will not only pass closure orders but will also impose Environmental Compensation (EC) and initiate prosecution.

CAQM has also advised the State implementing agencies including State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) and DPCC to ensure compliance and strict implementation of the directions issued by the Commission.

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