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To,

The Commissioner
Municipal Corporation Gurugram (MCG)

Subject: Authorization for filing of complaint/prosecution before the jurisdictional Judicial Magistrate against the responsible officials of Municipal Corporation Gurugram (MCG) for non-compliance with the directions/orders issued by the Commission regarding mitigation of road dust pollution – reg.

Sir,

This is with reference to the Notice dated 21.10.2026 issued by the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"), whereby an explanation was sought from the Municipal Corporation Gurugram (MCG) regarding non-compliance with the directions/orders issued by the Commission from time to time in relation to mitigation of road dust pollution in Gurugram.

2. The Commission has consistently emphasized that dust emanating from roads and open areas is one of the major contributing sources of air pollution in Delhi-NCR. Non-adherence to prescribed road dust mitigation measures, particularly in respect of road construction and maintenance activities, unpaved roads/Right of Way (RoW) and improper management of roadside areas, results in the resuspension and dispersion of dust particles into the ambient air, thereby aggravating the overall pollution load in the NCR.

3. In view of the above, the Commission has been regularly reviewing the status of road dust mitigation measures and issuing necessary directions, orders and advisories to the concerned implementing agencies. In particular, the Commission issued Direction No. 22 dated 11.06.2021, directing the Government of Haryana to establish Dust Control Management Cells (DCMCs) with specific mandates for effective monitoring and implementation of road dust control measures.

4. Further, with a view to assessing the extent of visible dust on roads and evaluating the effectiveness of road cleaning and sweeping operations, inspections of roads falling under the jurisdiction of MCG were conducted on 26.12.2025. Out of the 125 road stretches inspected, 34 stretches were found to have high levels of visible dust, 58 stretches had moderate levels of dust, 29 stretches had low levels of dust, while only 4 stretches were found to have no visible dust. The inspection findings, along with the summary report and details of the road stretches/areas exhibiting visible dust, were duly communicated to MCG.

5. Subsequently, vide letter dated 05.01.2026, the Commission directed MCG to ensure strict and effective implementation of the prescribed dust control measures on a priority basis. However, despite the aforementioned directions, instances of inadequate dust mitigation and improper management of roadside areas continued to be reported.

6. In this regard, the Commission received a complaint dated 04.02.2026 concerning road dust pollution and the accumulation of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste at various locations in Sectors 49, 57, 70, 73, 74 and 75 of Gurugram. Accordingly, a special inspection drive was undertaken on 05.02.2026 to verify the reported issues. During the inspection, heaps of loose soil and C&D waste were found lying unattended along the roadsides, indicating inadequate implementation of the prescribed dust mitigation and waste management measures.

7. Further, vide letter dated 11.05.2026, all DCMCs in Haryana, including MCG and Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA), were directed to undertake a special campaign for the identification, removal and scientific disposal of legacy dust accumulated on roads, roadsides, medians, footpaths and other associated areas falling under their respective jurisdictions, both before and after the monsoon season. Subsequently, vide letter dated 27.05.2026, MCG was specifically advised to ensure strict implementation of dust control measures and undertake the aforesaid special campaign within its jurisdiction.

8. Notwithstanding the repeated directions and advisories issued by the Commission, the ground-level implementation of road dust mitigation measures continued to remain unsatisfactory. To further assess the compliance status, 52 road stretches covering approximately 104 km (MCG: 56 km and GMDA: 48 km) were inspected on 14.10.2026. During the inspection, a total of 258 violations were observed, comprising high visible dust on roads, accumulation of C&D waste on roads/roadsides, damaged footpaths and potholes, of which 174 violations

pertained to MCG and 84 to GMDA. Such deficiencies contribute to the generation and resuspension of dust, thereby adversely affecting ambient air quality in the NCR.

9. In addition to the inspection findings, the Commission has also taken note of public grievances regarding road dust pollution in Gurugram received through social media platforms. As on 13.10.2026, a total of 1,135 complaints pertaining to MCG and 183 complaints pertaining to GMDA had been received. The substantial number of public complaints, coupled with the violations observed during inspections, indicates persistent deficiencies in the implementation and enforcement of the prescribed dust mitigation measures.

10. In view of the continued non-compliance with the statutory directions/orders of the Commission, despite repeated instructions, inspections and follow-up reviews, the Commission issued the aforementioned Notice dated 21.10.2026 to MCG, seeking an explanation as to why appropriate action should not be initiated against the officials/persons responsible for such lapses. MCG was also afforded an opportunity of personal hearing before the Commission on 03.11.2026.

11. During the personal hearing, the representatives of MCG made the following submissions:

i. Deep cleaning of road stretches is being carried out regularly by MCG.

ii. Door-to-door collection and processing of waste would be ensured by mid-November 2026.

iii. The Mechanical Road Sweeping Machines (MRSMs) are presently operating at an efficiency level of approximately 50–60%, which is proposed to be enhanced to around 80% by mid-November 2026.

iv. MCG informed that a recommendation had been sought for initiating charge-sheet proceedings under Rule 7 of the Haryana Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 2016, against Sh. Sunder Sheoran, Executive Engineer, MCG, on account of serious lapses in road sweeping operations.

12. The submissions made by MCG during the personal hearing have been duly considered by the Commission. However, the proposed measures and assurances regarding improvement in road sweeping efficiency and waste management by mid-November 2026 are prospective in nature and do not, by themselves, address the persistent deficiencies and instances of non-compliance already observed and documented by the Commission. Further, the submission regarding the proposed

initiation of disciplinary proceedings against Sh. Sunder Sheoran, Executive Engineer, MCG, indicates that serious lapses in the performance of assigned responsibilities have also been acknowledged by MCG.

13. In view of the above, in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Commission under Section 14(2) of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021, the Commission authorizes the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Gurugram, or his representative, to file a complaint/prosecution before the jurisdictional Judicial Magistrate in cases involving inaction or failure on the part of officials, including supervisory officers at various levels, who are responsible for ensuring effective enforcement and implementation of dust mitigation measures within their respective jurisdictions.

14. Accordingly, in the instant matter, MCG is hereby directed to take necessary action for filing an appropriate complaint/prosecution before the jurisdictional Judicial Magistrate against Sh. Sunder Sheoran, Executive Engineer, MCG and other officials, if any, in respect of the serious lapses in road sweeping operations and the consequent non-compliance with the directions/orders issued by the Commission on the subject matter, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

15. MCG to ensure that the complaint is duly supported by relevant documentary evidence, including the inspection reports, photographs, records relating to road sweeping operations, details of the directions issued by the Commission and the action taken thereon, as well as the relevant records establishing the responsibilities and role of the concerned official(s). The complaint/prosecution may be pursued in accordance with law, and an action taken report, along with a copy of the complaint filed and the relevant details thereof, may be furnished to the Commission for its information and record.

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Director