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To

1. The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Haryana.
2. The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Rajasthan.
3. The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh.
4. The Chief Secretary, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

Subject: Standard list of approved fuels for various applications across NCR.

Sir,

Emissions from polluting fuels for various industrial, vehicular, domestic and miscellaneous purposes contribute significantly to the degradation of air quality in the NCR and adjoining areas and accordingly a consistent need has been felt to switch over to lesser polluting and cleaner fuel in the NCR.

2. The Central Govt., State Govts. in the NCR and the Govt. of the NCT of Delhi have been continually making efforts to move towards use of cleaner fuels across various sectors contributing to the overall air quality in the region and accordingly have an approved fuel list for various applications in their respective states, including the districts in the NCR. The State of Uttar Pradesh, however, presently does not have an approved fuel list of its own.

3. A perusal of such approved fuel lists as above indicates that there are still some heavily polluting fuels featuring in the approved fuel lists like coal, HSD, Naptha, LDO etc., the lists are not comprehensive and have a marked variation from one state to another.

4. Shifting of industries to PNG / cleaner fuels has been a priority area for the Commission and to this effect, statutory directions for permissible fuels for industrial applications in the NCR have already been issued in terms of Direction Nos. 53, 62, 63 and 64 dated 04.02.2022, 17.03.2022, 18.05.2022 and 02.06.2022 respectively.

5. As the concerns of air pollution are uniform across NCR and particularly from the standpoint of a common airshed approach for the entire NCR and adjoining areas, it is desirable to have a unified list of approved fuels for various applications across all sectors in the entire territorial jurisdiction of the NCR, towards aiming for uniform and better emission standards and an overall improved air quality in the region.

6. In pursuance of the Order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 16.12.2021 (Civil) No 1135 in the matter of Aditya Dubey (minor) and Anr v/s UOI & Ors, with a view to find permanent solution to the air pollution menace occurring every year in Delhi and NCR, suggestions were invited from the general public as well as the experts in the field. An Expert Group was further constituted by the Commission to examine and deliberate upon all such suggestions and proposals.

7. The Expert Group, in their report also strongly recommended phasing out usage of heavily polluting fossil fuels like coal, diesel oil, LDO, Pyrolysis oil, Naptha etc. across NCR and to this end, have recommended a "Common" approved fuel list for NCR, incorporating cleaner fuels, to the extent possible.

8. The proposed standard fuel list for NCR was also deliberated upon as an agenda item in the recently held meeting of the full Commission on 25.05.2022 and considering the need to optimally balance the imperatives of sustainability of operations as also the emissions from use of various types/ categories of fuels that have a direct bearing on the air quality, the Commission approved the standard fuel list for uniform adoption across NCR, barring some exceptions.