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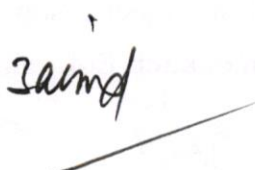
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**Subject: Liquidation of large fleet of End-of-Life vehicles from NCR – reg.**

It needs no emphasis that contribution from the transport sector to the overall air pollution load in the entire NCR is significantly high. As part of the air pollution control efforts concerning this sector, liquidation of a large fleet of End-of-Life (EOL) vehicles, which belong to the vintage of highly polluting vehicles to BS-III/ BS-II standards would need to be prioritized.

2. The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, taking note of the adverse contribution to the air quality in NCR from this sector, in its order dated 07.04.2015, *inter alia*, directed that diesel vehicles above 10 years old and petrol vehicles above 15 years old shall not be permitted to ply in the NCR. The Hon'ble Supreme Court while ratifying the order passed by Hon'ble NGT also directed vide its order dated 29.10.2018 that such EOL vehicles shall not ply in NCR.

3. The concerns regarding running of such EoL vehicles in NCR have been repeatedly expressed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India in review meetings held on 23.01.2023, 26.04.2023, 25.05.2023 and 28.06.2023. The Committee of Secretaries, chaired by the Cabinet



Secretary, in its meeting held on 17.01.2024 also expressed concern on very slow progress in this context. The concern on high number of EoL vehicles still running in Delhi-NCR has also been expressed continually in the meetings of the High-Level Task Force for management of air pollution in Delhi and NCR held on 13.10.2023 and the recent meetings held on 23.09.2024 and 10.10.2024 respectively.

4. Quarterly reports are being called for from the GNCT of Delhi and the NCR States, *inter alia*, on the status of liquidation of EoL vehicles, impounding of such vehicles found to be plying on the roads in clear violation of the statutes and subsequent disposal of such vehicles as per extant guidelines, including scrapping at the RVSF centers. This important subject regularly features in the review meetings held from time to time in the Commission with the Transport, Traffic and other Departments concerned in the NCR States and GNCTD.

5. Despite the above noted orders, directions and guidelines on the subject, there has been limited progress, thereby leaving a lot to be desired from the concerned authorities in the GNCTD and NCR States, as is also evident from the following tabulation:

Region in NCR	Delhi	Haryana	UP	Rajasthan
No. of overaged vehicles reported (till September, 2024)	60,14,493	27,50,152	12,38,788	6,06,926
Overaged vehicles impounded in 2023	22,397	220	3,058	389
Overaged vehicles impounded in 2024 (till September, 2024)	2,310	2,496	631	574

6. While much more intensified "on-road" drives should be taken up to guard against such overaged vehicles plying on roads or parked in public spaces, suitable technological interventions and intelligent solutions also need to be employed towards identification / detection of such EoL vehicles still running in the NCR. The

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GNCT of Delhi have piloted one such innovative and effective solution which envisages Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera systems which are in the process of being installed at all 500+ fueling stations in the entire city. These cameras, besides capturing and displaying the registration details of all the vehicles that enter the premises of the fueling station, also have a provision of integration with VAHAN database and thus the status of "EoL" vehicles or vehicles without valid Pollution Under Control Certificate "PUC" can be readily captured by the system. The system further has a provision for an audio message which is relayed in respect of such non-compliant vehicles entering the premises of the fueling station.

7. As a deterrent measure, all such EOL vehicles identified through the ANPR cameras at the petrol pumps should be denied fuelling and more importantly, immediate legal action should be taken in respect of such vehicles, including impounding and further disposal in accordance with RVSF Rules, 2021 and other extant policies of the respective State Governments and the GNCTD.

8. In view of the high polluting nature of EoL vehicles and considering that such a large fleet, while de-registered, is still reported to be plying, NCR States / GNCT of Delhi, there is an urgent need to launch / intensify drives against such vehicles. The NCR States may consider to study and adopt the technological systems like the one developed by the NCT of Delhi viz., installation of ANPR Camera systems at fuelling stations. Traffic surveillance cameras installed on major roads which facilitate the traffic police to challan vehicles for traffic violations, may also be used for supplementing action against EOL vehicles found plying on roads. The Integrated Command and Control Centres for traffic management in some cities could also help identification of EOL vehicles, using camera feeds from strategic traffic points/ intersections.

9. Accordingly, with a view to abate air pollution caused by such EoL vehicles, plying in Delhi-NCR, Governments of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and NCT of Delhi are hereby advised to:

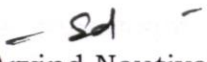
- (i) Launch / intensify drives against EoL vehicles
- (ii) Consider adopting innovative technological systems like installation of Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera systems at fueling

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stations or at prominent locations under their jurisdiction and integrate these with VAHAN database, through which registration details of the vehicles can be captured and displayed automatically, which enable the authorities concerned to take action against such EoL vehicles.

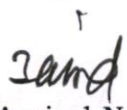
(iii) Take appropriate action towards liquidation of large fleet of End-of-Life vehicles and their further disposal including scrapping in accordance with RVSF Rules, 2021 and other extant policies of the respective State Governments and the GNCTD.

(iv) Report the results of such liquidation on a monthly basis to the Commission.

  
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