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**Sub: Physical inspections of C & D Sites (>500 Sqm) in Delhi-NCR - reg**

Dust from construction and demolition activities, amongst others, is a major and consistent source of air pollution in the region and large quantities of dust generated from these activities significantly enhance the PM<sub>2.5</sub> / PM<sub>10</sub> levels in the ambient air, thereby raising health concerns.

2. For further strengthening the compliance of dust control measures and to ensure effective monitoring, considering a large number of ongoing C&D activities at any point in time, the Commission vide Directions 11-18 dated 11.06.2021 called for mandatory registration of all C&D projects with plot area equal to or more than 500 sq. meters on the respective Web-portal of the State Govt./ GNCT of Delhi for remote monitoring including compliance for various dust mitigation measures.

3. To effectively combat dust emissions, the Commission vide Direction No. 69 dated 02.11.2022 mandated deployment of anti-smog guns (ASG), in proportion to the area of construction.

4. Regular periodic inspection of Construction & Demolition (C&D) sites is crucial to ensure compliance of various statutory directions/rules/orders/ guidelines by the project proponents at their project sites by enforcing dust suppression measures and waste management, reduce pollution by minimizing dust and particulate emissions contributing to air pollution & also help in promoting best practices by adopting sustainable practices. In this regard, Member Secretaries and Municipal Commissioners have been authorized to initiate prosecution against the violators in their jurisdiction for C&D sites for equal to or more than 500 sqm and less than 500 sqm, respectively.

5. It is to mention that CAQM is implementing a technology-driven Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) to act as a centralized, real-time platform for monitoring and combating air pollution in the region, where State PCBs/DPCC will be required to submit the data related to physical inspection of C&D Sites supported by geo-tagged photographs. Therefore, State PCBs/DPCC should ensure strengthening of data reporting to CAQM in required format.

6. The report on physical inspections carried out by the NCR State PCBs/ DPCC and subsequent closure orders issued are being reported to the Commission in monthly

report format already circulated. Status of inspections and closure orders reported to the Commission during the year 2024 & 2025 are as under:

**Status of inspections and closures by State PCBs/DPCC**

	2024		2025		Sites registered on portal (Jan,2026)
	Inspections	Closures	Inspections	Closures	
<b>Delhi</b>	14240	201 (≈1%)	31728	87 (≈0.3%)	813
<b>Haryana</b>	5910	322 (≈5%)	3032	102 (≈3.4%)	2840
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	4417	51 (≈1%)	7162	17 (≈0.2%)	1032
<b>Rajasthan</b>	3428	62 (≈2%)	6413	46 (≈0.7%)	249

7. The inspections of C&D sites undertaken by ETF Cell, CAQM and subsequent closures issued by the Commission are as tabulated below:

State	2024		2025	
	Inspections	Closures	Inspections	Closures
<b>Total</b>	1093	174 (≈16%)	1322	335 (≈25%)

8. From the above, it is pertinent to note that the deterrent punitive actions taken by the NCR States/DPCC are far less in comparison to similar actions taken by CAQM against the inspections carried out during the year 2024 & 2025. The number of sites registered on the web-portal vis-à-vis large number of inspections carried out by the States (barring Haryana where the number of inspections are very less, effectively each site once a year) indicates that either the compliance levels are very high (low for Haryana) or the inspections by the States are merely a routine exercise, which needs to be analysed and reviewed by States/ DPCC.

9. Therefore, NCR States / DPCC are requested to analyze the reasons of such low levels of closures and submit a detailed report for such a large number of inspections.

  
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