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ORDER

Sub.: Implementation of Actions under Stage-II ('Very Poor' Air Quality) of revised Graded Response Action Plan in Delhi-NCR- steps to be taken.

The Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and adjoining areas, vide Direction No. 83 dated 17th September, 2024, issued statutory direction for implementation of the revised schedule of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), available on the CAQM website (caqm.nic.in), as and when orders under GRAP are invoked.

The Sub-Committee constituted for invoking actions under the GRAP in its meeting held on 21st October, 2024 comprehensively reviewed the air quality scenario in the region as well as the forecasts for meteorological conditions and air quality index of Delhi made available by IMD/IITM. The AQI of Delhi since morning has been hovering around 300 and at 4:00 P.M. it has been recorded as 310.

Forecasts from IMD/IITM also indicate a likelihood of the AQI of Delhi to particularly remain in "VERY POOR" category (DELHI AQI- 301-400) in the coming days, owing to unfavorable meteorological & climatic conditions and calm winds.

Therefore, in an effort to prevent further deterioration of the air quality, the Sub-Committee decided that **ALL actions** as envisaged **under Stage II of the GRAP -'Very Poor' Air Quality (DELHI AQI ranging between 301-400)** be implemented in right earnest by all the agencies concerned in the NCR, **in addition to the Stage-I actions already in force, from 8:00 A.M. of 22.10.2024 in the National Capital Region (NCR).**

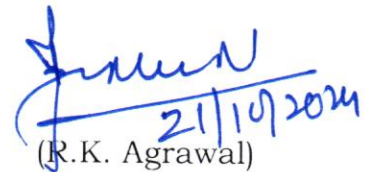
These include:

1. Carry out mechanical/ vacuum sweeping and water sprinkling of the identified roads on a daily basis.
2. Ensure water sprinkling along with use of dust suppressants (at least every alternate day, during non-peak hours) on roads to arrest road dust especially at hotspots, heavy traffic corridors, vulnerable areas and proper disposal of dust collected in designated sites/landfills.
3. Intensify inspections for strict enforcement of dust control measures at C&D sites.

4. Ensure focussed and targeted action for abatement of air pollution in all identified hotspots in NCR. Intensify remedial measures for the predominant sector(s) contributing to adverse air quality in each of such hotspots.
5. Ensure uninterrupted power supply to discourage use of alternate power Generating sets/ equipment (DG sets etc.).
6. Strictly implement the Schedule for regulated operations of DG sets across all sectors in the NCR including Industrial, Commercial, Residential etc. in accordance with Direction No. 76 dated 29.09.2023.
7. Synchronize traffic movements and deploy adequate personnel at intersections / traffic congestion points for smooth flow of traffic.
8. Alert in newspapers / TV / radio to advise people about air pollution levels and Do's and Don'ts for minimizing polluting activities.
9. Enhance vehicle parking fees to discourage private transport.
10. Augment CNG/ electric bus and metro services by inducting additional fleet and increasing the frequency of service.
11. Resident Welfare Associations to necessarily provide electric heaters to security staff to avoid open Bio-Mass/ MSW burning during winters.

Further, citizens may be urged to adhere to the citizen charter and assist in effective implementation of the GRAP measures aimed towards sustaining and improving the Air Quality in the Region, as under:

- People to use public transport and minimize use of personal vehicles.
- Use technology, take less congested route even if slightly longer.
- Regularly replace air filters at recommended intervals in your automobiles.
- Avoid dust generating construction activities during months of October to January.
- Avoid open burning of solid waste and bio-mass.


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