

**COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND ADJOINING AREAS**

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F.No. A-110013/09/ 2020/CAQM-IP-645-647

Dated: 12.08.2021

Subject: Shifting of Industries operating in NCR Districts to PNG/cleaner fuels.

1. WHEREAS, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 3 of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Ordinance 2021, has constituted the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (hereinafter referred to as the Commission);
2. WHEREAS, Section 30 of the Ordinance 2021 provides that anything done or any action taken under the erstwhile Ordinance 2020 shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provisions of the Ordinance 2021;
3. WHEREAS, under Section 12 (1) of the Ordinance, the Commission has power to take all such measures, issue directions, etc., as it deems necessary or expedient for the purpose of protecting and improving the quality of the air in the National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas;
4. WHEREAS, Section 12 (2) (xi) of the Ordinance, empowers the Commission to issue directions in writing to any person, officer, or any authority and such person, officer or authority shall be bound to comply with such directions;

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5. WHEREAS, the Commission has observed that emissions from industries using polluting fuels like coal etc. have serious adverse consequences on air quality in the National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas;
6. WHEREAS, the Commission has noted that in many of the industrial areas in the districts falling under National Capital Region, PNG network and supply infrastructure is already available and hence switching over industries to use PNG in such industrial areas should be taken up on priority basis;
7. WHEREAS, the erstwhile Commission vide letters dated 10th December 2020 had requested the State Governments concerned to prepare an implementable Action Plan clearly indicating a time frame to make the industries shift to cleaner fuel(s) like PNG;
8. WHEREAS the matter was pursued with State Governments vide reminders dated 28th December, 2020;
9. WHEREAS, the issue of switching over of Industrial units to cleaner fuels was also taken up by the Commission in its second meeting held on 20th January 2021 and accordingly the Commission vide communication No. A-120015/25/TPP/2021/CAQM dated 11th February, 2021 issued Advisory to the Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan, *inter-alia*, to expedite the switching over of industries in industrial areas where gas infrastructure / supply is already available and many industrial units are already using cleaner fuels;
10. WHEREAS, State Governments were further advised that in respect of the industrial areas, where PNG supply has not been started but the work is in progress, those industries may be advised to equip in advance to prepare for shifting to gas as soon as PNG infrastructure / supply is made available;

11. WHEREAS, from the information furnished by the State Governments concerned, the Commission has observed that :

- i) 408 industrial units, out of 1469 units identified for shifting to gas, have so far been shifted in the NCR districts of the State of Haryana.
- ii) 1161 industrial units, out of 2273 units identified for shifting to gas, have so far been shifted in the NCR districts of the State of Uttar Pradesh.
- iii) 124 industrial units, out of 436 units identified for shifting to gas, have so far been shifted in the NCR districts of the State of Rajasthan.

12. WHEREAS, matter was discussed in the third meeting of the Commission held on 4th June, 2021 and noted that there is an urgent need to :-

- i) convert the industries to PNG wherever supply of PNG is available and;
- ii) develop a comprehensive action plan by the State Governments in a time bound manner for ensuring the PNG supply in remaining areas for shifting all the industries to cleaner fuels;

13. WHEREAS, the matter was again discussed in the fourth meeting of the Commission held on 5th August, 2021 and it was decided to issue directions, under the relevant provisions of the Ordinance, 2021 to the State Governments concerned to submit the comprehensive plan of action.

14. NOW THEREFORE, in view of the above position and the compelling need to control air pollution from industries using polluting fuels, the Commission constituted under the provisions of "Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas, Ordinance, 2021", hereby directs the State Government of Rajasthan as under :

- (i) To audit and inspect the industries, which are already connected to PNG supply and ensure that those industries are not using any other polluting fuels like coal etc.

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- (ii) To maintain strict vigil to prevent the use of unapproved fuels in the NCR, through the enforcement agencies concerned and take stringent action, in case of the defaulting units.
- (iii) To prepare an implementable Action Plan by clearly specifying definite time lines for switching over of all identified industries units to PNG, where infrastructure and supply of gas are already available.
- (iv) To develop a time bound comprehensive action plan, in consultation with the authorized entities to supply gas in the Industrial areas falling within the specified Geographical areas of NCR districts, for ensuring PNG and infrastructure supply in the remaining industrial areas.

15. The Commission further directs that a compliance report on the direction at para 14(i), Action Taken Report at para 14(ii) and the Action Plan(s) as directed at para 14 (iii) and 14 (iv) above be sent to the Commission by 31st August, 2021.


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