

COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND ADJOINING AREAS
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F.No.A-110014/10/2020/CAQM-SB/921

Dated: 16.09.2021

Subject: Implementation and review of the plan of actions for the prevention and control of Stubble Burning.

1. WHEREAS, the 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 Act 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 Act, 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 Act, the Commission has powers 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 Act, 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;
5. WHEREAS, the Commission has observed that Paddy stubble burning is a matter of grave concern for air quality in NCR and has deliberated upon the issue in a series of meetings held with major stakeholders including with the State Governments of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, GNCTD, State Pollution Control Boards of NCR states, Punjab and Delhi Pollution Control

Committee(DPCC) and Knowledge institutions like Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), NGOs and civil society groups etc. working in National Capital Region;

6. WHEREAS, the Commission through directions dated 10.06.2021 has provided a Framework to the states concerned for control/elimination of crop residue burning and directed to draw up the state-specific action plans based on the major contours of the Framework;
7. WHEREAS, the Governments of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Government of NCT of Delhi have formulated the state specific action plans and submitted to the Commission;
8. WHEREAS, an advisory dated 28.07.2021 was issued from the Commission on *Ex-situ* stubble management for tackling the problem of stubble burning to the Governments of Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh;
9. WHEREAS, the Commission through directions issued on 16.08.2021 has advised the Governments of NCR states, Government of NCT of Delhi and Government of Punjab to adopt the standard protocol developed by ISRO to the monitoring and reporting of fire events using the Satellite data;
10. WHEREAS, the matter was further deliberated in the 5th Meeting of the Commission dated 19th August, 2021 and 24th August, wherein, the State Governments of Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh presented their respective plans of action and the Commission advised these states to update and refine the action plans as communicated through the minutes of the meetings;
11. WHEREAS, the Ministry of EF&CC vide OM dated 06.09.2021 has conveyed to CAQM to issue directions to Chief Secretaries of Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh for effective implementation of their detailed action plan for control and elimination of stubble burning;

12. NOW THEREFORE, in view of the above position and the compelling need to control air pollution from burning of paddy straw, the Commission constituted under the provisions of "Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas, Act, 2021", hereby directs Governments of State of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and the Government of NCT of Delhi:

- I. To effectively implement the framework and the detailed action plan, including the decisions taken by the Commission on the action plan in the meetings held on 19.08.2021 and 24.08.2021 in letter and spirit, to eliminate and control the stubble burning and
 - II. To conduct frequent reviews and close monitoring of the framework/state specific plan of action at various levels.
13. Action taken report in compliance of the above directions be submitted on a weekly basis to the Commission, starting from 17th September, 2021.

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