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**Commission for Air Quality Management in  
NCR and Adjoining Areas**

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The 22 February, 2021

To

The Chairperson, National Highway Authority of India  
The Vice-Chairman, Delhi Development Authority

**ADVISORY FROM THE COMMISSION**

Subject: **Abatement of dust pollution from roads and open areas along Right of Way etc. : Setting up of a "Dust Control & Management Cell" by Road Owning / Road Construction Agencies.**

Sir,

The Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas, Ordinance, 2020 has been promulgated and notified by Government of India, Ministry of Law and Justice (No. 13 of 2020) on 28th October, 2020;

2. Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 3 of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas, Ordinance, 2020, has constituted the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) to exercise the powers conferred on, and to perform the functions assigned to it under the said Ordinance;

3. The objectives of the Commission, *inter-alia*, include co-ordination of actions with Governments of State of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Government of NCT of Delhi; planning and execution of programme for control of air pollution; laying down parameters for air quality; laying down parameters of emission thresholds and dispersions of environmental pollutants having implications on air quality; restriction and monitoring of the areas in which any industries, operations or processes or class of industries that have implications on air quality in the regions; inspection of premises, plants, equipment, manufacturing units; preparation of manuals, codes or guidelines relating to prevention, control and abatement of air pollution in the region etc.;

4. The Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas in its second meeting held on 20.1.2021, *inter alia*, reviewed the problem of road dust, a major source of pollutant contributing significantly to Particulate Matters PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>. Controlling dust pollution has been a major challenge and needs much more focused attention in NCR. The Commission was of the view that the road owning agencies and road construction agencies have to play a greater role in monitoring and effective implementation of various dust control measures already mandated and in place.

5. The Commission, therefore, in it's meeting held on 20.01.2021 resolved that all road owning / road construction agencies of the State Governments / GNCTD may be advised to set up "**Dust Control & Management Cell**" with the specific task of effective monitoring and implementation of dust control measures in respect of projects being implemented / undertaken by them in the National Capital Region.

6. As per the decision of the Commission, the State Governments / GNCTD have been advised to direct all the road owning / road construction agencies including municipal bodies to set up and operationalize the dust control and management cell for the projects being undertaken by them in the NCR.

7. In this backdrop action may be taken to set up and operationalize "**Dust Control & Management Cell**" for the road projects being undertaken by your organization in the NCR.

10. The Commission may be apprised of the action taken in this regard, within a fortnight.

Yours faithfully,



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