

**COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT  
IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND ADJOINING AREAS  
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F.No. A-110018/01/2021-CAQM/1577-80

Dated: 25.11.2021

**Subject: Directions under Section 12 of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021 regarding steps for effective control of air pollution in wake of the prevailing air quality scenario in Delhi-NCR – Running of Schools, Colleges and educational institutions in physical mode-reg.**

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 Act 2021, has constituted the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (hereinafter referred to as the Commission);

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;

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;

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WHEREAS, the Commission has repeatedly taken up the matter relating to air pollution in NCR with the State governments of Haryana, Rajasthan, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Government of NCT of Delhi and various organisations concerned of the Central and State Governments/ GNCTD and has issued Directions, Advisories and conveyed decisions for effective implementation of measures for abating air pollution in NCR region;

WHEREAS, the Commission in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 12(2) (xi) of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas Act 2021, had issued statutory directions on 16.11.2021 for measures to be implemented with strict force with immediate effect in various sectors as enlisted in the above referred directions;

WHEREAS, in terms of S. No. 7 of the above referred directions, it was directed that "All public and private Schools, Colleges and Educational Institutions in NCR shall remain closed until further orders allowing only online mode of education."

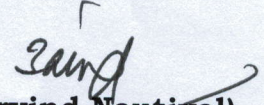
WHEREAS, the matter has been further reviewed in wake of the prevailing air quality scenario and meteorological conditions;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 12(2) (xi) of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas Act 2021, in furtherance of S. No. 7 of the directions contained in the order dated 16.11.2021, the Commission has decided as under:

"The NCR States and the Govt. of NCT of Delhi may consider and take appropriate decisions for resumption of physical classes in schools, colleges and educational institutions in the NCR. However, wherever the

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State Governments / GNCTD opt to continue with the online mode of education, such schools/ colleges/ educational institutions shall be permitted to open for the purpose of conduct of examinations and practicals etc.”



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