

**COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT  
IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND ADJOINING AREAS  
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Tolstoy Marg, New Delhi-110001**

F.No. A-110018/01/2021-CAQM 1694-1709

Dated: 02.12.2021

**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**

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;

WHEREAS, the Commission has been highlighting that amongst others Industrial Pollution and Vehicular Pollution are the major contributing factors for deterioration of air quality in the region;

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, in respectful compliance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 15.11.2021 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1135 of 2020 titled as Aditya

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Dubey Vs. Union of India &Ors.,ameeting of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas was convened in an emergent mode at 10:00 am on 16.11.2021, to consider taking further and more stringent steps to effectively control air pollution in identified sectors;

WHEREAS, the Commission, in exercise of its powers conferred upon it under Section 12 (2) (xi) of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act 2021, issued Directions No. 44 dated 16.11.2021 to the Chief Secretaries of Governments of NCT of Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh for taking action on various sectors viz. Industrial Pollution, Thermal Power Plants, Vehicular Pollution, Dust Control etc.

WHEREAS, the Commission, in furtherance to the above said Directions has issued various Direction (s) / Order (s) on 25.11.2021, 26.11.2021, 27.11.2021 and 30.11.2021;

WHEREAS, the air quality in the last few days has been at the upper end of 'Very Poor' or in 'Severe' category, there is an emergent need to take further preventive measures as, a matter of extreme emergency and abundant caution and to prevent the air quality to further deteriorate;

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the facts stated above and the compelling need to prevent further deterioration of environment and towards improvement of air quality in Delhi and NCR,the Commission, in exercise of its powers conferred upon it under Section 12 (2) (xi) read with Section 12 (2) (v) of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act 2021, further directs that following measures shall be implemented with strict force with immediate effect, until further orders:

- i. The Direction No. 44 dated 16.11.2021 related to industrial pollution shall continue to be in force;
- ii. It is further directed that industrial operations and processes in NCR,not running on PNG or cleaner fuels, shallbe allowed to operate only up to eight hours a day from Monday to Friday and shall not be allowed to operate on Saturdays and Sundays;
- iii. Operation of Thermal Power plants within 300 km radius of Delhi shall continue to be regulated in terms of the Commission's latest Order in this regard issued vide No. A-110018/01/2021-CAQM dated 30.11.2021;
- iv. All Schools, Colleges and Educational Institutions in the NCR shall remain closed, allowing only online mode of education, except for the purpose of conduct of examinations and laboratory practical etc.;

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- v. Stop entry of trucks in Delhi except CNG / Electric Trucks and trucks carrying essential commodities;
- vi. Strict enforcement of these Directions as also the Directions / Orders issued by the Commission from time to time since its inception shall be ensured by the respective agencies and implementation, compliance of the same shall be monitored by the Chief Secretaries of the respective State / GNCTD.

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