

**COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND ADJOINING AREAS
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F. No. A-110018/01/2021-CAQM/6591-6595 Dated: 8th February, 2022

Subject: Directions under Section 12 of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021 for effective control of air pollution in Delhi-NCR - Regulations for use of Power Generating Sets.

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, under Section 12 (2) (v) of the Act, the Commission has powers to impose restrictions of areas carrying out any industry, operation or process that have implications on air quality in the region;

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 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 organizations concerned of the Central and State Governments/ GNCTD and has issued various Directions, Orders and has also taken specific decisions for effective

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implementation of measures for abating air pollution in NCR region from time to time;

WHEREAS, the Commission has been highlighting that amongst others, uncontrolled use of Diesel Generator (DG) sets is a major contributing factor for deterioration of air quality in the region;

WHEREAS, in wake of adverse air quality in NCR, in consonance with the GRAP notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in November, 2017, the Commission vide its Direction No. 44 dated 16th November, 2021, directed for ban on use of DG sets, except for emergency purposes in the NCR;

WHEREAS, for imparting clarity in the matter, emergency purposes / services for which DG sets are to be permitted as an exception were listed out in the Commission's Order dated 13/12/2021;

WHEREAS, a large number of industries, associations, federations and individual entities have represented before the Commission that only owing to interruptions in the regular power supply, such units are compelled to resort to DG sets operations and that DG sets are neither economically viable for regular operations;

WHEREAS, the said units have further submitted that certain continuous industrial processes and production set ups demand un-interrupted power in the interest of salvaging the in-process inventories & semi-finished products and in many cases also for operating various safety and security related systems / equipment;

WHEREAS, some entities have also represented that they are engaged in the telecommunication and data services for which un-interrupted power supply becomes extremely vital and thereby a heavy dependence on DG sets;

