

**COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT  
IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND ADJOINING AREAS  
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F. No. A -110018/01/2021-CAQM/420 Dated: 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

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**Subject: Abating Air pollution from public transport sector –  
Regulations on Diesel operated Autorickshaws**

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 (I) of the Act, the Commission is vested with 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, vehicular / transport sector is one of the major and consistent sources of air pollution in the National Capital Region and contributes adversely to the PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels besides other air pollutants;

WHEREAS, the entire NCR is in a grip of rapid motorisation and considering the population growth in NCR and the rise in anthropogenic activities, there is a need to boost up clean public transport services to control vehicular traffic and the quality of emissions from vehicles in the region;

WHEREAS, autorickshaws are a preferred economical mode of transport, these are also major contributors of particulate matter emissions

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and while all autorickshaws in the NCT of Delhi, have been already mandated to be CNG fuelled/ electric, there still are diesel fuelled autorickshaws plying in the NCR across the States of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan;

WHEREAS, the comprehensive policy to curb air pollution in the National Capital Region formulated and disseminated by the Commission in July, 2022, towards abatement of air pollution from the transport sector stipulated, *inter-alia*, the following:

- (i) New registration of only CNG / electric autos in the entire NCR w.e.f. 01.01.2023
- (ii) Completely phasing out diesel autorickshaws in NCR in a graded manner by 31.12.2026

WHEREAS, the policy document as above has been advised to the various stakeholder agencies for effective implementation and enforcement of the targeted actions and the same is also available on public domain through the website of the Commission towards wider dissemination and knowledge;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Section 12 of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021, towards mitigation of air pollution arising from autorickshaws plying in the NCR, directs that:

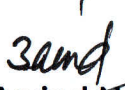
- (i) The State Govts. of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan shall ensure **new registration of only CNG/ electric autos in the entire NCR w.e.f. 01.01.2023.**
- (ii) The State Govts. of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan shall comprehensively plan and ensure to **completely phase out diesel autorickshaws** from

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- (a) The Districts of Gurugram, Faridabad, Gautam Budh Nagar and Ghaziabad, latest by 31.12.2024
  - (b) The Districts of Sonapat, Rohtak, Jhajhar and Baghpat in the NCR, latest by 31.12.2025 and;
  - (c) All other Districts in the NCR, latest by 31.12.2026;
- thus, targeting for **all autorickshaws plying in the NCR to be either CNG/ electricity fuelled w.e.f. 01.01.2027.**

The above-noted Directions may be given wide publicity and enforced strictly by all concerned. Non-compliance of these Directions shall be construed as contravention of the provisions of Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas Act 2021.

  
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To,

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh, 101, Lok Bhawan, U.P. Civil Secretariat, Vidhan Sabha Marg, Lucknow – 226 001.
2. The Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Civil Secretariat, Sector – 1, Chandigarh.
3. The Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan, Government Secretariat, Jaipur, Rajasthan – 302 005.

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