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## **Preface**

The Annual report of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas for the year 2024-25 has been prepared as per the provision prescribed in the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (Form and Manner of Furnishing Annual Report) Regulations, 2022. This also includes the duly Audited Annual Accounts Statement of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas for the year, along with the Audit Report, as adopted by the Commission.

The Annual Report is hereby submitted to the Central Government in pursuance of the clause (d) of sub-section (2) of section 26 of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021, read with clause 4 of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (Form of Annual Report) Regulation, 2021, as well as sub-section (4) of section 17 of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021 read with sub-clause 3 of clause 3 of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (Form of Annual Statement of Accounts) Rules, 2022.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

AI	Artificial Intelligence
AQEWS	Air Quality Early Warning System
AQI	Air Quality Index
ARAI	Automotive Research Association of India
ASG	Anti-Smog Gun
BPCL	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
BS	Bharat Stage
CAQM	Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas
CBG	Compressed Bio-Gas
CBO	Community Based Organisation
CCTV	Closed-Circuit Television
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CGD	City Gas Distribution
CHC	Custom Hiring Centre
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas
CPCB	Central Pollution Control Board
CPIO	Central Public Information Officer
CPWD	Central Public Works Department
CRM	Crop Residue Management
CRRI	Central Road Research Institute
CSIR	Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
CTO	Consent to Operate
CVC	Central Vigilance Commission
DCB	Delhi Cantonment Board
DCMC	Dust Control & Management Cell
DDA	Delhi Development Authority
DFPR	Delegation of Financial Power Rules
DG	Diesel Generator
DHI	Department of Heavy Industries
DISCOMs	Distribution Companies
DJB	Delhi Jal Board
DMRC	Delhi Metro Rail Corporation
DPCC	Delhi Pollution Control Committee
DSIIDC	Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation
DSS	Decision Support System
DUSIB	Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board
EC	Environmental Compensation



ECD	Emission Control Device
ETF	Enforcement Task Force
Evs	Electric Vehicles
FPO	Farmers' Produce Organisation
FY	Financial Year
GAIL	Gas Authority of India Limited
GFR	General Financial Rules
GNCTD	Government of NCT of Delhi
GRAP	Graded Response Action Plan
HAR	Haryana
HPCL	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited
IARI	Indian Agricultural Research Institute
IEC	Information, Education and Communication
I&FC	Irrigation and Flood Control
IGL	Indraprastha Gas Limited
IIT	Indian Institute of Technology
IITM	Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology
IMD	India Meteorological Department
IOAGPL	Indian Oil Adani Gas Pvt. Ltd.
ISBT	Inter-State Bus Terminal
ISRO	Indian Space Research Organisation
J&K	Jammu & Kashmir
KM	Kilometer
KVS	Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan
KW	Kilo Watt
LDO	Light Diesel Oil
LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
LSHS	Low Sulphur Heavy Stock
MAMC	Maulana Azad Medical College
MCD	Municipal Corporation of Delhi
ML	Machine Learning
MoA&FW	Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
MoC&I	Ministry of Commerce & Industry
MoEFCC	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
MoF	Ministry of Finance
MoP	Ministry of Power
MoHUA	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
MoRTH	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways



MoPNG	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
MRSM	Mechanized Road Sweeping Machine
MSME	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise
MSW	Municipal Solid Waste
NBCC	National Building and Construction Co.
NCAP	National Clean Air Programme
NCR	National Capital Region
NCRTC	National Capital Region Transport Corporation
NCT	National Capital Territory
NDMC	New Delhi Municipal Council
NEERI	National Environmental Engineering Research Institute
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NGT	National Green Tribunal
NHAI	National Highways Authority of India
PA	Public Announcement
PPM	Parts Per Million
PM	Particulate Matter
PNG	Piped Natural Gas
PUC	Pollution Under Control
PWD	Public Works Department
RAJ	Rajasthan
RDF	Refuse Derived Fuel
RECD	Retrofitted Emission Controlled Device
RFID	Radio Frequency Identification
RoW	Right of Way
RTI	Right to Information
SAMARTH	Sustainable Agrarian Mission on use of Agri- Residue in Thermal Power Plants
SDMC	South Delhi Municipal Corporation
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SPCB	State Pollution Control Board
TPD	Tonnes Per Day
TPPs	Thermal Power Plants
TSR	Three-Seater (Auto) Rickshaw
ULBs	Urban Local Bodies
UP	Uttar Pradesh
WTE	Waste to Energy
WP	Writ Petition



## 1. Introduction

The Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021 (hereinafter referred to as the 'Act') governs the functioning of the Commission. The Commission has been constituted with Members from the State Governments of Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, NCT of Delhi and other Central Ministries, Organizations, NGOs and independent Technical Members, amongst others. The Commission is assisted by various Statutory Sub-Committees working in specific areas and issues related to abatement of air pollution in the NCR.

Apart from the NCT of Delhi, the jurisdiction of the Commission extends to the 27 districts of Haryana, UP and Rajasthan falling in the NCR, as depicted in the map below and also to the adjoining areas for activities which have bearing on the overall Air Quality in the NCR.



### National Capital Region (NCR)

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## 2. Constitution of the Commission

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-section (1), (2) and (3) of Section 3 of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021, the Central Government constituted the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas, comprising of the following Members:

- (a) a full-time Chairperson;
- (b) a representative of the Secretary, MoEF&CC, not below the rank of Joint Secretary, ex officio;
- (c) five ex officio Members either Chief Secretaries, or Secretaries incharge of the Department dealing with environment protection in the NCT of Delhi and the States of punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) one full-time Member who is or has been a Joint Secretary to the Government of India;
- (e) three full-time independent technical Members having specific knowledge and experience in matters relating to air pollution;
- (f) one technical Member from the Central Pollution Control Board, ex officio;
- (g) one technical Member nominated by the Indian Space Research Organisation, ex of Ecio;
- (h) three Members from NGOs having experience in matters concerning combating of air pollution;
- (i) one representative of the National Institution for Transforming India, not below the rank of Joint Secretary or Adviser, ex officio;
- (j) one officer in the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India as a full-time Member-Secretary of the Commission;
- (k) three members, from such sectors as agriculture, industry, transport or construction.

Sub-Section (3) of Section 3 of the Act provides that the Commission may co-opt the persons as Associate Members which includes a representative from each of the MoRTH, MoP, MoHUA, MoPNG, MoAFW, MoC&I, not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India, a representative from any association of commerce or industry and such other Member(s) as may be prescribed.

## Rules notified under the CAQM Act

In exercise of the powers conferred under the Act, the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change have notified the following Rules:

- a) The Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (Appointment, Salary, Allowances and other Terms & Conditions of service of Chairperson, Full-time Members and Member-Secretary) Rules, 2021, on 27th August, 2021, as amended on 25th October, 2021 and 21st February, 2023.
- b) The Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (Manner of Taking Samples and Form of Notice) Rules, 2021, on 13th October, 2021.
- c) The Commission for Air Quality Management in the National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (Form of Annual Statement of Accounts) Rules, 2022, on 4th May, 2022.
- d) The Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (Salaries, Allowances and Conditions of Service of the Officers and Staff of the Commission) Rules, 2022 on 11th July, 2022 as amended on 6th October, 2022.
- e) The Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (Manner of Removal of Chairperson or Member, other than ex-Officio Member) Rules, 2023, on 21st February, 2023.
- f) The Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (other Associated Members of the Commission) Rules, 2023, on 21st February, 2023.
- g) The Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (Allowance payable to Member, other than ex-Officio Member of the Sub-Committees) Rules, 2023, on 21st February, 2023.
- h) The Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (Imposition, Collection and Utilization of Environmental Compensation for Stubble Burning) Rules, 2023, on 28th April, 2023 as amended on 6th November, 2024.
- i) The Environment (Utilization of Crop Residue by Thermal Power Plants) Rules, 2023, on 11th July, 2023 and the corrigendum to Environment (Utilization of Crop Residue by Thermal Power Plants) Rules, 2023, on 18th July, 2023.



### **Regulations notified by the Commission**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 26 read with sub-sections (2) and (4) of section 10 of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021, the Commission, with the previous approval of the Central Government, notified the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (Conduct of Business and Conditions and Limitations in Delegation of Powers of Commission) Regulations, 2021 on 17th September, 2021 and the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas, (Form and Manner of Furnishing Annual Report) Regulations, 2022, on 12th May, 2022.

### **Delegation of the powers of the Commission**

The Commission, in exercise of powers conferred under Sub-Section (4) of Section 10 of the Act, issued an Order dated 07th October, 2021, stipulating the Schedule of Delegation of powers of the Commission, to be exercised by the full Commission, Chairperson, Full Time Member, Member Secretary or the Sub-Committees etc.

### **Delegation of Financial Powers**

With the approval of the Commission, a schedule of delegation of Financial Powers vested with the Commission was also issued, broadly in line with the GFR and DFPR of the Govt. of India, vide orders of the Commission dated 25th June, 2021 and 16th May, 2024 respectively.

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### 3. Constitution of the Sub Committees of the Commission

Section 11 of the Act mandates the following three Sub-Committees:

**(a) Sub-Committee on Monitoring and Identification**

The Sub-Committee on Monitoring and Identification was first constituted by the Commission, vide Order dated 17th May, 2021, comprising of 08 Members, as per the mandate of the Act and as amended from time to time.

**(b) Sub-Committee on Safeguarding and Enforcement**

The Sub-Committee on Safeguarding and Enforcement was constituted by the Commission, vide Order dated 17th May, 2021 under the chairmanship of the Chairperson of the Commission, comprising of 15 other Members, as per the mandate of the Act and as amended from time to time.

**(c) Sub-Committee on Research and Development**

The Sub-Committee on Research and Development was constituted by the Commission, vide Order dated 17th May, 2021, chaired by a full-time technical Member of the Commission, comprising of 09 other Members, as per the mandate of the Act as amended from time to time.

#### **Sub-Committee for Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP)**

In wake of high air pollution levels in Delhi-NCR generally encountered during the winter season owing to unfavorable climatic and meteorological conditions, the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) was notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in January 2017 as an emergency response action plan to prevent further deterioration of air quality, once the pollutant concentration reached a certain threshold.

Under the provisions of the Act, a Sub-Committee was constituted by the Commission on 7th October, 2021, comprising of members from CPCB, DPCC, HSPCB, RSPCB, UPPCB and the CAQM for invoking actions and reviewing the status of implementation of various measures under the GRAP. The Sub-Committee has been subsequently re-constituted from time to time.

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## 4. Mandate, Goals and Objectives of the Commission

The Commission has been set up under the provisions of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021 for better co-ordination, research, identification and resolution of problems surrounding the air quality index and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The Commission is empowered to take all such measures, as it deems necessary or expedient for protecting and improving the quality of air in the National Capital Region and adjoining areas.

In line with its objectives, the Commission, since its inception has involved various stakeholders for collaborative and coordinated actions by the Governments of the NCT of Delhi and the States of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, to enforce the objectives of this Act and planning and execution of programmes in the region for prevention, control and abatement of air pollution. A common “Air-Shed” approach across state boundaries has been emphasized to be adopted to mitigate air pollution in the National Capital Region.

The Commission is also empowered to lay down parameters for the quality of air, for emission or discharge of environmental pollutants from various sources and to consider restriction in areas in which any industry or class of industries, operations or processes that have implications on air quality in the region.

The Commission from time to time, issued Statutory Directions under the provisions of Section – 12 of the Act to regulate, control and prohibit activities that impact the quality of air in the NCR and adjoining areas and also laid down parameters for the discharge of air pollutants. Additionally, Advisories have been issued to convey the seriousness of different air pollution related issues and provide guidance for effective actions to mitigate the same, besides orders to streamline the field level compliance of the envisaged air pollution control measures.

The Commission also engaged with eminent scientific/ technical/ research-based institutions and has undertaken projects/ activities towards investigations into and research on air pollution related aspects.

Towards effective enforcement and safeguarding measures, the Commission also carried out extensive inspections of industrial premises, construction & demolition sites, roads and open areas for effective implementation and enforcement of provisions under various environmental acts, rules/regulations, statutory directions, policy guidelines etc. relating to prevention, control and abatement of air pollution, including deterrent measures



like levying of EC charges on the erring entities through the respective Pollution Control Boards/ Committee, besides prosecution action under the provisions of the Act.

An account of meetings of the Commission, its Sub-Committees and other progress review meetings held from time to time during 2024-25 is as under:

<b>Full Commission meetings</b>	<b>Sub-Committee meetings (including GRAP)</b>	<b>Other review meetings</b>
04	56	165

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## 5. The Year in Retrospect

Since its inception, the Commission has been rigorously taking up the issue of air pollution in NCR and adjoining areas and has identified various sectors contributing to air pollution with core focus Industrial pollution, Pollution from Diesel Generator (DG) sets, Thermal Power Plants Sector, Vehicles and Transport Sector, Agricultural Stubble Burning, Municipal Solid Waste/Biomass Burning, Fires in Sanitary Landfills sites, Air Pollution Abatement through Greening & Plantation activities, Dust from Construction and Demolition project activities, Road and Open Areas dust and pollution from dispersed sources, etc.

The Commission has been continually and closely studying the Air Quality parameters and associated meteorological conditions and necessary directions/orders are issued by the Commission from time to time taking due cognizance of the prevailing adverse climatic and meteorological conditions advised and projections by IMD.

The Commission held four (4) meetings of the Full Commission, where important Statutory Directions and Advisories were approved. Such Directions and Advisories were thereafter issued to various implementing and enforcement agencies/entities to initiate appropriate action for prevention, control and mitigation of air pollution from various contributory sectors and related activities. Besides, 56 Statutory Committees' meetings (including Sub- Committee for GRAP) and 165 other Sectoral meetings were held to monitor and review the actions taken towards abatement of air pollution. In addition, Framework for the Development of Emission Inventory and Emission based Source Apportionment in Delhi NCR has been revised. A standard framework for development/redevelopment of roads through paving and greening measures has been also developed. Expert Committee has been also constituted for Systematic study on functioning of the State Pollution Control Boards, as well as the Pollution Control Committee in the Delhi NCR.

To guide and direct various action towards abatement of air pollution in the region, the Commission in the year 2024-2025 has issued 8 Statutory Direction, 3 Advisories (as listed in Annexure – I) and various executive orders to Govt. of NCR States/GNCTD and concerned agencies in the region for improving of air quality in the region.

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## 6. Prevention, control and abatement of air pollution –Steps taken, proposals, research and other measures undertaken in 2024-25

### 6.1 Abatement of Industrial Pollution

Commission had already prioritized the task of shifting of industrial operations and all other applications across the sectors in Delhi - NCR to approved fuels from coal and other fuels. The approved fuel list for entire NCR was already upgraded by the Commission during 2023-24 through an addendum dated 03.04.2023 of the Commission's Direction No. 65. Out of total 7983 fuel-based industries identified in entire NCR, 7673 industries already shifted on approved fuels and balance 310 industries in NCR which could not shift to approved fuels were closed down/self-closed as reported by the concerned SPCB/DPCC.

Compliance of adoption of approved fuels by the industries is being carried out through regular inspections, close incognito monitoring and vigilance.

The concerned SPCBs in NCR and DPCC were further directed to ensure strict vigilance on use of only approved fuels in the industrial units. The enforcement also aims for adoption of appropriate air pollution control measures and adherence to the prescribed standards of emissions in respective units.

The Commission through Statutory Direction No.87 dated 02.01.2025 authorized Member Secretaries of the Pollution Control Boards of the NCR States/DPCC for filing complaint/prosecution against the violators under section 14(2) of the CAQM Act, in case of gross violations of directions/orders w.r.t. operation of industries and regulations on DG Sets, besides ensuring other measures taken in cases of gross violations, including that of the GRAP Schedule; and approval for issuance of the Direction.

### Inspection of Industries - Monitoring & Enforcement of Directions in Delhi NCR

The Commission lays due focus on monitoring and enforcement of various directions and standards prescribed for industries. DPCC/NCR state PCBs were directed to conduct regular audits/inspections towards effective implementation enforcement of environmental norms/rules/regulations etc. in industrial sector. The status of inspections carried out during 2024-25 is given in **Table 6.1**.

**Table 6.1. Status of the inspections carried out during 2024-25**

Parameter	Delhi	HAR	UP	RAJ
Number of industries inspected	12,326	7,626	4,093	7,437
Number of Industries not complying with statutory requirements and/or emission norms	5	179	36	195
Number of Industries issued with closure directions for gross violations	0	112	27	48

### **PNG Infrastructure in Delhi-NCR towards transition to cleaner fuels**

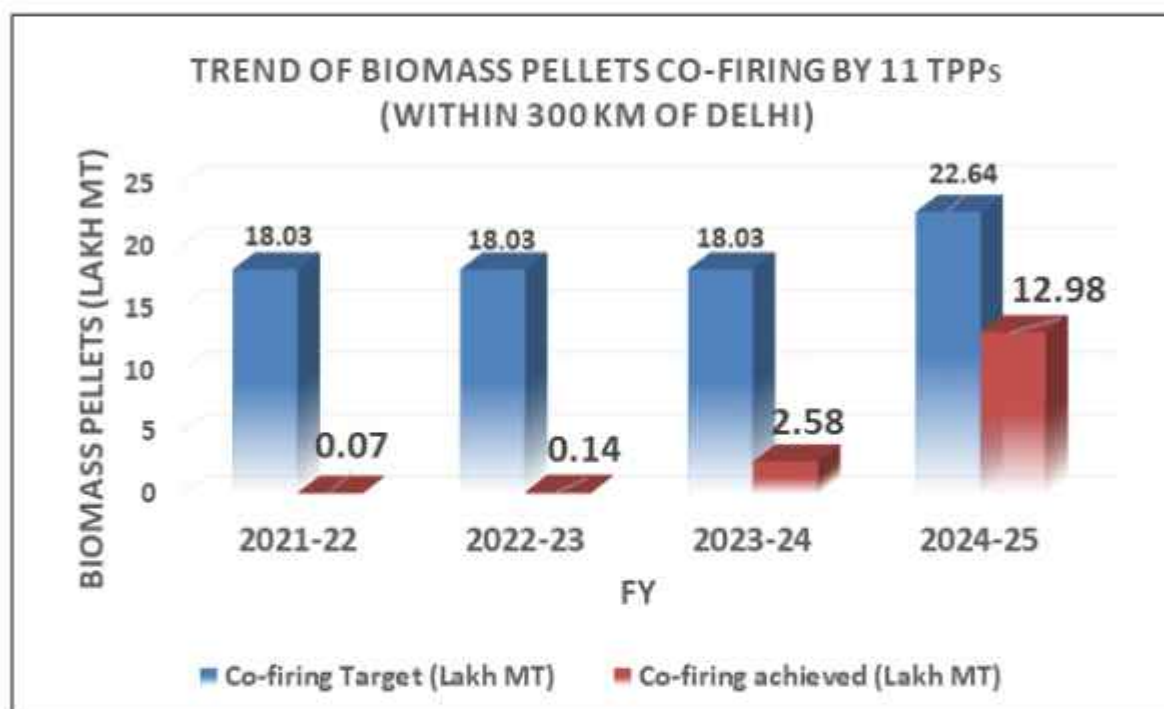
Towards faster adoption of PNG in industrial applications across NCR, in close coordination with all stakeholders *viz.* MoPNG, City Gas Distribution (CGDs) Agencies in NCR, industrial associations and SPCB/DPCC, 222 industrial areas in entire NCR out of a total 240 industrial areas were equipped with PNG infrastructure/connectivity. The PNG infrastructure/connectivity in remaining 18 areas (2 areas in Uttar Pradesh, 10 areas in Haryana and 6 areas in Rajasthan) are targeted to be completed by the end of 2025.

### **Co-firing of Biomass in Thermal Power Plants**

Paddy stubble burning in the states of Haryana, Punjab and NCR areas in Uttar Pradesh becomes a matter of serious concern during the winter months particularly when the meteorological conditions are unfavorable for the general air quality in Delhi-NCR. With a view to eliminate stubble burning and air pollution owing to stubble/biomass burning and in line with the policy of Ministry of Power for co-firing of minimum up to 5% biomass Thermal Power Plants (TPPs), the Commission had earlier issued statutory Direction No.42 dated 17.09.2021 mandating 5-10% co-firing of biomass/biomass based pellets replacing coal in Thermal Power Plants (TPPs) located within 300 km of Delhi. This is a step towards augmenting efficiency of ex-situ management of stubble/biomass generated in NCR areas and in the states of Haryana and Punjab.

The compliance in this context is periodically reviewed and monitored through regular review meetings by CAQM in coordination with MoP/ SAMARTH and concerned TPPs. Total quantity of Biomass co-fired by these power plants stood at about 12.98 Lakh MT, which is about 57.32% of the given annual target of 22.64 Lakh MT for the year 2024-25. In this regard, it is worth mentioning that The Environment (Utilisation of Crop residue by

Thermal Power Plants) Rules notified in 2023, has already come into force from 2024-25 with a Schedule of at least more than 3% co-firing target to be achieved by the power plants located in the area during financial year 2024-2025. With this MoEF&CC notification, boost in co-firing is expected to be sustained and further augmented in 2025-26. Year wise trend of biomass pellets utilization in TPPs located within 300 km of Delhi is given in **Fig. 6.1.**



**Fig 6.1 Year Wise Trend of Biomass Pellets Co-firing**

## 6.2 Abatement of Air Pollution from Diesel Generator Sets

Uncontrolled use of Diesel Generator (DG) sets was identified as one of the major sources of deterioration of air quality in the entire National Capital Region. Emission control Devices/systems in DG sets and running of DG sets in a dual fuel mode was accordingly taken up as a priority action by the Commission, besides encouraging all stakeholders to switch to purely gas-based systems or to ensure compliances through retrofitment.

Accordingly, a comprehensive Direction No. 76 was issued on 29.09.2023, in supersession/modification of all extant directions, stipulating adoption of the Schedule as detailed out in the said Direction for regulated operations of DG sets (only as a backup against regular power supply failures) across all sectors in the NCR. This including Industrial, Commercial, Residential and Office establishment's etc. w.e.f. 01.10.2023.

## Statutory Directions

### **Direction No. 76 dated 29.09.2023 as amended on 11.12.2024**

Stipulating adoption of the revised Schedule for regulated operations of DG sets (only as a backup against regular power supply failures) across all sectors in the NCR including Industrial, Commercial, Residential and Office establishments etc. w.e.f. 01.10.2023

DG sets catering to emergency services were given time up to 31.12.2023 to ensure compliance of said Direction No. 76 dated 29.09.2023. Power generating sets running purely on natural gas/cleaner fuels are out of the regulatory regime and can be run uninterruptedly as and when required. However, DG sets of capacity more than 800 KW were permitted for all applications in the NCR, subject to compliance of the “in-use” emissions standards prescribed for this category under Direction No. 76.

### **Follow up with manufacturers and suppliers of ECDs/dual fuel kits for DG Sets**

Regular follow up meetings were held with manufacturers and suppliers of ECDs/dual fuel kits for DG Sets. Certified RECDs are now available for DG Sets of capacity range of 41 KW to 800 KW. The list of certified RECDs with applicable capacity range of DG Set was also made available on the website of CPCB along with details of the manufacturers of RECD including the certifying agencies. A picture is also given in **Fig. 6.2.**



**Dual Fuel System in DG Set**



**DG Set with retro-fitted ECD**

### **Fig. 6.2 Dual Fuel System in DG Set and retro-fitted ECD DG Set**

In the year 2024-2025 the Commission, through its Flying Squad, inspected a total of 1401 number of DG sets in 810 entities. With regards to non-complying DG set, the Commission issued sealing order for DG sets in 579 entities. Further, SCN were issued to 208 entities for non-compliance to Direction No. 76 of the Commission.

### **6.3 Management of Dust from C&D activities**

The Commission regularly followed up for effective compliance/ enforcement of its earlier statutory directions for remote monitoring of bigger C & D projects through a dedicated web-portal and also the advisories, orders and directions related to dust mitigation measures viz. use of adequate numbers of anti-smog guns, dust screens, wind breakers and water sprinkling etc. Grossly violating construction sites were also issued with closure directions.

In furtherance to exercise effective implementation of dust mitigation measures at construction projects, the Commission issued Direction No. 85 dated 02.12.2024 to SPCBs/DPCC and Direction No. 86 dated 02.01.2025 to ULBs of NCR for delegation of powers regarding filing complaint/prosecution against the violators under section 14(2) of the CAQMA Act, 2021.

#### **Statutory Directions**

**Direction No. 85 dated 02.12.2024** - For stricter enforcement of the relevant statutory directives/ extant rules and regulations for abating air pollution through dust generated from C&D sites (equal to or more than  $\Rightarrow$ 500 sqm plot area) the Commission through statutory Direction No. 85, dated 02.12.2024 authorized Member Secretaries of the Pollution Control Boards of the NCR States/DPCC for filing complaint/prosecution against the violators under section 14(2) of the CAQMA Act.

**Direction No. 86 dated 02.01.2025** - For stricter enforcement of the relevant statutory directives/ extant rules and regulations for abating air pollution through dust generated from C&D sites (less than  $<$ 500 sqm plot area) the Commission through statutory Direction No. 86, dated 02.01.2025 authorized Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD); Secretary, New Delhi Municipal Council; and Commissioners/Chief Executives/Deputy Commissioners of the various Urban Local Bodies in the major cities adjoining Delhi viz. Gurugram, Faridabad, NOIDA, Greater NOIDA, Ghaziabad and Sonapat for filing complaint/prosecution against the violators under section 14(2) of the CAQMA Act.

**Remote monitoring of projects having plot area  $\geq 500 \text{ m}^2$**

No. of active C&D Projects registered on the Web Portal (as on 31.03.2025) is given in **Table 6.2.**

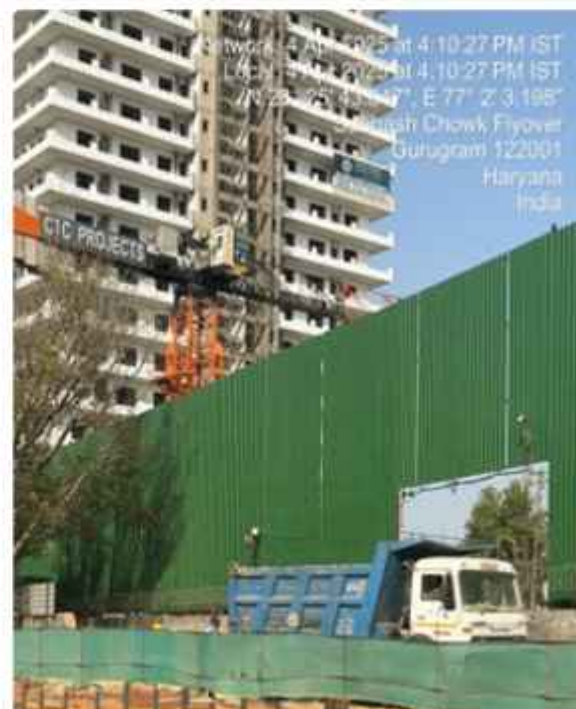
**Table 6.2 Status of No. of active projects sites**

States	No. of active project sites
NCT of Delhi	593
Uttar Pradesh (NCR)	895
Haryana (NCR)	1366
Rajasthan (NCR)	206

Smaller C&D projects having plot size  $\geq 500 \text{ m}^2$  which are not mandated to be registered on the web portal were also inspected and monitored to ensure that all prescribed measures towards dust suppression and mitigation are scrupulously implemented and followed on such construction projects are given in Fig. 6.3. For all category of C&D Projects, concerted inspection drives are being carried out followed by deterrent punitive actions against grossly violating C&D sites including imposition and realization of appropriate environment compensation charges and closures, if warranted.



**Anti-smog gun installed at project site**



**DG Set with retro-fitted ECD**



**Construction site fully covered  
with Dust Screen**



**Construction material covered  
with Dust Screen**

**Fig. 6.3 Measures taken for dust suppression and mitigation for C&D activities**

#### **6.4 Management of Dust from Roads and Open Areas**

High levels of air pollution in Delhi NCR is one of the major concerns for both regulatory authorities and the general public. The severity of this issue is particularly noticeable during the post-monsoon and winter seasons, followed by the summer months, when meteorological conditions exacerbate pollutant accumulation.

Among the various sources of air pollution, dust from roads and open areas constitutes a significant share of particulate matter ( $PM_{2.5}$  and  $PM_{10}$ ) concentrations across the region. The re-suspension of settled dust is primarily driven by:

- **Continuous deposition of dust** along road medians and edges, often left unaddressed due to inadequate cleaning protocols.
- **Poor road design and construction practices**, including unpaved shoulders, uneven surfaces, and a lack of proper surfacing materials.
- **Deficient drainage infrastructure** leads to water stagnation and further degradation of road quality.
- **Limited or inconsistent dust management interventions**, such as Mechanical Road Sweeping Machines (MRSMs) or water sprinkling, especially in high-traffic zones.

The problem is largely driven by the unscientific design, construction, and maintenance of urban roads, where inadequate surfacing, poor drainage systems, and uneven pavements are common. High vehicular activity on such poorly maintained road stretches intensifies dust generation, particularly in areas that lack regular upkeep through MRSMs or systematic water sprinklers.

To address these issues, the **policy document of the Commission** outlines a comprehensive set of actions aimed at mitigating road dust pollution and improving air quality. Key measures include:

- Identification of dust pollution hotspots, followed by paving of roads and roadsides to minimize dust generation.
- Greening initiatives along central verges and roadsides to serve as natural dust barriers.
- Deployment of mechanized road sweeping machines (MRSMs) to ensure efficient and regular removal of dust.
- Scientific disposal of collected dust at designated sites to prevent re-entry into the environment.
- Implementation of airborne dust suppression strategies, such as regular water sprinkling, application of dust suppressants, and use of anti-smog guns (ASGs).
- Extensive relaying and repairing of roads and potholes to reduce dust formation from damaged infrastructure.

Despite the implementation of the above measures, dust from roads and open areas continues to be a major contributor to poor air quality in Delhi NCR.

#### **6.4.1. Dust Control and Management Cells (DCMCs) In Delhi NCR**

Dust is one of the large contributors of air pollution in Delhi NCR, posing a substantial challenge to air quality management efforts across the region. In response, the commission directed all road owning agencies in Delhi and NCR states of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan to establish Dust Control and Management Cells (DCMCs) to tackle dust pollution. To strengthen commitment to dust mitigation, the Commission during 2024-2025 has increased the number of dedicated DCMCs from 62 to 68. Nodal Officers from each DCMC is responsible for vigilant monitoring and timely execution of dust control measures. They ensure the active use of anti-smog guns at construction sites, monitor road sweeping machines for efficient operation and proper dust disposal, and oversee regular water sprinkling on roads to suppress dust particles. To strengthen these efforts, they are also working to expand the deployment of mechanical sweepers and water sprinklers, apply dust suppressants as needed, and maintain smooth, pothole-free road surfaces to minimize dust re-suspension.

Throughout the year, the Commission convened regular review meetings with the Nodal Officers of DCMCs in the NCR, along with other concerned road owning agencies, to monitor key dust-related parameters and assess the effectiveness of dust control measures. List of DCMCs in Delhi, NCR states of Haryana, UP and Rajasthan is given in **Table 6.3**.

**Table 6.3 List of DCMCs in Delhi, and NCR states of Haryana, UP and Rajasthan**

S. No.	State Name	No. of DCMCs
1	Delhi	12
2	Haryana NCR	22
3	Uttar Pradesh NCR	18
4	Rajasthan NCR	16
	<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>

#### 6.4.2. Monitoring of Key Parameters by DCMCs in 2024-25

Key Parameters monitored in NCR regions through DCMCs for the year 2024-25 is given in **Table 6.4**.

**Table 6.4: DCMCs key parameters in NCR region during 2024-25**

S. No.	Key parameters	Delhi	Uttar Pradesh NCR	Haryana NCR	Rajasthan NCR
1	Length (km) of central verges greened during the year 2024 -2025	30	525	150	34
2	Length of pathways/roadsides paved during the year	164	307	99	81
3	Length of pathways/roadsides greened during the year	30	179	59	188
4	Average Length of roads identified for mechanized sweeping (km) during the year	8024	1275	2832	234



S. No.	Key parameters		Delhi	Uttar Pradesh NCR	Haryana NCR	Rajasthan NCR
5	Deployment and utilization of mechanized road sweeping machines (MRSMs)	(a) Average no. of MRSMs deployed on a daily basis	85	41	75	9
		(b) Average length of roads swept mechanically per day (km)	2837	975	1950	115
		(c) Total amount of road dust collected during the year ( MT)	52496	1885	42834	2469
6	Deployment and utilization of water sprinklers (WS)	(a) Average no. of water sprinklers deployed on a daily basis	245	287	145	34
		(b) Average length of roads sprinkled with water per day (km)	2048	1362	1015	153
		(c) Average amount of dust suppressants used per day (kg)	1	227	584	0.2

S. No.	Key parameters	Delhi	Uttar Pradesh NCR	Haryana NCR	Rajasthan NCR
7	Average daily deployment of Stationary anti-smog guns (ASGs) on roads / open areas	65	137	16	3
8	Average daily deployment of Mobile anti-smog guns (ASGs) on roads / open areas	121	52	28	17
9	Total number of road patches/potholes repaired during the year	31716	22935	20698	14180

#### 6.4.3. Report on Addressing Vehicular Traffic Induced Road Dust Re-Suspension with Science and Technology based Action Plans

Considering the significant contribution of road dust re-suspension, the Commission initiated a study titled “Addressing Vehicular Traffic Induced Road Dust Re-Suspension with Science and Technology based Action Plans for Air Quality Improvement in Delhi NCR” through CSIR-NEERI and CSIR-CRRI. The study area was restricted to the boundary of the Eastern and Western Peripheral Expressway (EPE and WPE). The major roads, including National Highways (NH), Arterial Roads (AR) and Sub-Arterial Roads were mapped in the study area using Geographic Information System (GIS) application.

The aforesaid study has recommended several actions to control the dust pollution which include digital mapping of all roads of Delhi NCR including sub-arterial and other roads, road condition survey and mapping, SoP for the operation of Mechanical Road Sweeping Machines (MRSM) and developing a unified framework for paving and greening urban roads in Delhi NCR to ensure consistent implementation of best practices. The efficiency of any control measures for road dust management may be evaluated through particulate matter monitoring before, during and after its application using drones / vehicle-mounted low-cost PM sensors. Use of DMRC Wastewater for Watering Road Median and Road Edge Plants under the Elevated Metro Lines is also recommended.

#### **6.4.4. Constitution of Committee for the Development of a Standard Framework for Paving and Greening of Urban Roads**

Considering the need to develop a unified framework for paving and greening urban roads, a committee was constituted by the Commission under the Chairmanship of Director, CSIR-Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) for the development of a framework for controlling dust pollution from roads and open areas. The Committee submitted its report on “Standard Framework for Paving and Greening of Urban Roads”, recommending multiple actions for controlling the dust pollution from roads and open areas through paving and greening measures. The prime recommendations of the Committee are as under:

##### **(A) Recommendations for Urban Space Standards**

(i) Right-of-Way (RoW): Allocate RoW as per IRC guidelines according to road hierarchy to accommodate all functional elements like carriageways, footpaths, cycle tracks, medians and utility corridors.

(ii) Carriageway: Design carriageways width and road markings as per IRC guidelines to ensure smooth traffic flow and prevent encroachment. Ensure adequate slope and widening of Carriageway and lanes on Curves as per IRC guidelines.

(iii) Pedestrian Facilities: Provide footpaths on both sides of the road with a minimum width of 1.8 meters, ensuring accessibility for pedestrians.

(iv) Cycle Tracks: Design cycle tracks with a smooth, skid-resistant surface and a minimum width of 2.5 meters for bi-directional use.

(v) Service Lanes and Parking: Allocate separate service lanes in commercial and mixed-use zones. Provide designated parking lanes, bus-bays, loading-unloading bays, parking areas as per planned requirement and discourage on-street parking in main corridors.

(vi) Central Median: Maintain a central median width of 1.2–2.0 meters with green cover and reflective crash barriers. Roads with 4 or more traffic lanes shall have medians with the pedestrian refuge of a minimum 3 m waiting area.

(vii) Drainage: Ensure a proper drainage slope of 1–2% for surface water runoff. Ensure proper width of drains and connection with the sewer lines. Integrate storm water harvesting features like recharge pits and rain gardens.

(viii) Safety Features: Provide signs as per IRC 67:2022, ensuring appropriate placement, visibility and reflectivity standards. Install advance warning signs at curves, speed control zones, and school zones to enhance safety. Provide road markings as per IRC 35:2015, including lane lines, edge lines, stop lines and pedestrian crossings. Install road studs at

lane dividers and on curves for enhanced night visibility.

### **(B) Recommendations for Mitigation of Road Dust in ROW through Greening Measures**

(i) Plantation Plan: Prepare separate plantation plans for Footpaths, Median, Traffic Island, Roundabouts, and under the Flyover. The plantation plan should include a list of trees, shrubs, creepers, climbers, and grasses that may be grown in specific conditions. For example, big trees cannot be grown in small traffic islands or narrow medians. Shade-tolerant species have to be grown under the flyover etc.

(ii) While preparing the plantation plan, focus on native, drought-resilient species and species that are tolerant to pollution and are efficient at arresting dust.

(iii) Plan for tree plantation to be in conjunction with the street lighting plan and other utility plans. Trees should not obstruct light and traffic signals.

### **(C) Recommendations for the Development of Delhi Road Assessment Management System (RAMS)**

(i) Nodal agency to oversee the implementation of Delhi RAMS for all road agencies.

(ii) Nodal agency shall engage technical consultants with expertise in RAMS and PCI-based prioritization.

(iii) Utilize the existing standard base map available with previous studies and update all spatial and attribute data in respect of all Delhi roads for development of Delhi RAMS.

(iv) Implement a Web-GIS-based Road Asset Management System to create a GIS database for Delhi Road Network in respect of Right-of-Way (RoW), pavement conditions (functional and structural), traffic loads, maintenance history etc. as per IRC 130-2020 standard on road asset management.

(v) Calculate Pavement Condition Index (PCI) for all roads as per IRC 82-2023 guidelines.

(vi) Utilize RAMS data to analyze road health and generate annual maintenance plans using standard road maintenance management tools based on life cycle cost analysis.

(vii) Conduct training workshops to build capacity among road agency personnel on modern road maintenance practices.

(viii) Launch public awareness campaigns to educate citizens on reporting road damage and dust-related issues and promote the use of eco-friendly construction practices to mitigate dust generation.

(ix) Deploy a public web portal integrated with RAMS to enable citizen reporting and tracking of road maintenance issues.

#### **(D) Recommendations for Technological Interventions for Dust Control**

- (i) Use Cold Mix Technology as per IRC: SP 100 for overlaying the surface using mechanized equipment for onsite cold mix preparation and laying.
- (ii) Use micro-surfacing as an overlay on structurally sound pavements as per IRC: SP 100.
- (iii) Replace hot bitumen with bitumen emulsion for prime and tack coating.
- (iv) All potholes should be repaired promptly at the small or medium size (IRC SP 82)
- (v) Use mechanized pothole repair machine using cold mix technology with 13 mm NMA aggregates as per IRC SP 100.
- (vi) Use Stone Mastic Asphalt (SMA) for heavy-traffic urban roads as per IRC SP 79, in place of bitumen mastic.
- (vii) Use Cement Grouted Bituminous Mix (CGBM) on urban roads which are subjected to waterlogging and need frequent maintenance, wherever feasible. CGBM can be laid as per IRC SP 125.
- (viii) Use frequent watering, use stabilizers and dust suppressant, stockpile covers, and limit vehicle speeds during construction of pavement layers.

#### **6.4.5. Guidance Document:**

Road dust is a significant source contributing to the generation and release of particulate matter posing a major challenge in tackling and abating air pollution in NCR. The strategy to address this problem has to be diverse and not limited to only road cleaning and sweeping as a lot of this problem is also caused due to unscientific construction and management of urban roads. The aforesaid Committee has developed a "Standard Framework for Paving and Greening of Urban Roads". Based on the recommendations of the Committee, the Commission issued a Guidance Document enclosing the framework developed by the Committee vide dated 07.01.2025 to all the NCR states and Govt. of NCT of Delhi. The five elements of the Guidance Document are as under:

1. Developing/redeveloping/paving of urban roads as per Urban Roads Space Standards/ROW and Cross Section Elements
2. Mitigation of Road Dust within the Right-of-way through Greening Measures
3. Enhancing Road Maintenance and Environmental Sustainability through Road Asset Management Systems (RAMS)
4. Revolutionizing Construction through Advanced Technological Interventions for Dust Control
5. Setting up a Project Monitoring Unit (PMU)

## 6.5 Abatement of Air Pollution from Vehicular Sector

Vehicular pollution has become the biggest source of pollution in Delhi. The growing number of vehicles, traffic jams, and lack of good public transport are making it harder to reduce pollution, even though there have been improvements in vehicle technology. In 2024–2025, the Commission has focused on this issue in many meetings with the Delhi government and other state authorities to find ways to reduce vehicular pollution. With a view for the abatement of air pollution from transport sector, the Commission in consultation with NCR State Governments and GNCTD considered following Policy prescriptions towards cleaner mobility in Delhi-NCR during the year 2024-2025.

### 6.5.1 Augmentation of public transport system in Delhi-NCR- City Bus Service

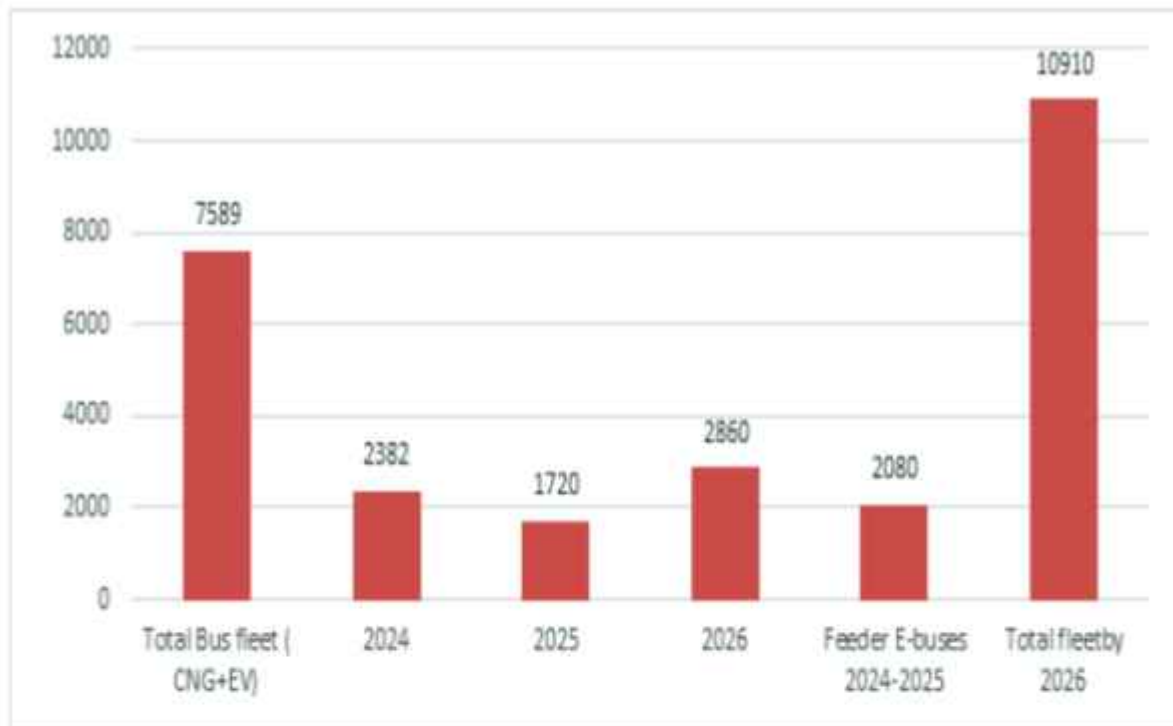
To provide affordable and comfortable transport for the public, reduce traffic congestion, and cut down on vehicle pollution, steps are being taken to increase the number of city buses running on CNG or EV in the NCR. This is being done according to the population-based guidelines and service standards set by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). The Government of NCT of Delhi (GNCTD) and other NCR State Governments are working on this.

#### **Delhi:**

The Transport Department, GNCTD, in its efforts to improve the transport system and reduce the use of private vehicles, has implemented measures to enhance last-mile connectivity through integration with public transport. The measures taken include:

- Introduced Mohalla feeder bus service to connect the nearby areas with Metro stations.
- 9 meter e-buses for neighbourhood last mile connectivity with DMRC.
- Over 343 e-Autos deployed for last mile connectivity in partnership with DMRC.
- Development of a Proof of Concept for an end-to-end Mobility as a Service (MaaS) application that can enable ticketing and integration of metro, DTC/ DIMTS buses and IPT services such as e-rickshaws.

The plan for induction of cleaner buses in Delhi is shown in **Fig. 6.4**.



**Fig. 6.4 Plan for induction of cleaner buses in NCR Delhi**

### Haryana

Transport department of Haryana has set up Haryana City Bus Service Ltd to provide City Bus services in 9 districts including 5 districts Rohtak, Panipat, Sonapat, Rewari and Karnal fall in NCR area. 50 e-buses have earmarked for each city and initially purchased order has been placed for 375 e-buses.

Presently, City bus services are already in place in city of Gurugram and Faridabad, operated by GMCBL and FDA respectively having total fleet of 150 and 50 CNG buses. As per MoHUA yardstick each city needs 100 buses. It has been planned to procure 100 e-buses for each city in 2024 for these 02 cities. Besides, City bus service has also been operational in Panipat and Karnal by HCBSL.

#### **For other NCR cities/districts of Haryana:**

Operation of City bus service for Bhiwani, Nuh, Jhajhar, Palwal, Charkhi Dadri, Mahendergarh and Jind districts is not financially viable and they do not have enough requirement of e-buses (40 buses or more) for city operation. To meet city bus requirement for these cities, mini-BS-IV and BS-VI diesel buses as well as standard non-AC buses are being operated to meet the local passenger requirements.

## Uttar Pradesh

At present, city bus service operation is only in Ghaziabad and Meerut cities of NCR districts of UP. There are 138 buses (80 CNG, 50 e-buses and 8 BS-VI) in Ghaziabad and Meerut cities. As per MoHUA yardstick, 410, 490, 220 buses are required for Ghaziabad, Meerut, Noida & Gr. Noida Cities respectively. Additionally, 150, 100 & 100 e-buses are under procurement for Ghaziabad, Noida & Gr. Noida and Meerut cities respectively under PM e- Bus Sewa Scheme.

### 6.5.2 Transition to cleaner mobility: Intercity bus services from NCR Cities to Delhi, in between NCR Cities and Non-NCR cities to Delhi/NCR towns

#### NCR States (Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh)

NCR States (Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh) were directed in 2023 vide Direction No. 78 dated 19.10.2023 for migration of public transport services especially buses plying to Delhi and NCR from these States to cleaner modes. The status of implementation of direction No. 78 until 31.03.2025 is given in **Table 6.5**.

**Table 6.5 Status of the implementation of direction No. 78 in NCR**

	Haryana	Rajasthan	UP	Total
Total requirement of Buses	2030	378	2514	4922
No. of Buses running on EV/CNG/BS-VI	1435	378	2514	4327
Balance Buses to be replaced	595	-	-	595
Targeted plan for replacement	595 by July, 2025	Transition completed		

Cleaner public transport, especially inter-city bus services coming into Delhi-NCR from nearby states, can play an important role in reducing air pollution. To support this, the Commission issued Direction No. 81 on 14th June 2024, which calls for shifting inter-city bus services to cleaner fuel options.

As part of this direction, a transition plan has been created for buses coming to Delhi-NCR from neighbouring states like Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir. Table 6.6 demonstrates state wise targeted timelines for running intercity buses services as on 31.03.2025.

Table 6.6 State Wise status of Running Intercity buses services as on 31.03.2025

S. No.	State	Total No. of buses required ( AC+ Ordinary)	No. of buses presently running in such services (only EV/ CNG /BS -VI diesel)	Gap (No. of buses)	Timeline for complete transition to cleaner mode.
1.	J&K	66	20	46 *	
2.	Punjab	147	105	42	To be completed by December 2025
3.	Himachal Pradesh	238	207	31 *	
4.	Uttarakhand	504	310	194 *	
5.	Madhya Pradesh	14	04	10 *	
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>323</b>	

\*: non-compliant buses have stopped plying

The transition of balance buses to cleaner mode is still in progress in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, MP and J&K. At present about 67% buses (646 out of 969 buses) operating to Delhi from these States have already transitioned on EV/CNG/BS-VI.

### 6.5.3 Phasing out diesel Autorickshaws in NCR

The Commission vide Direction No. 70 dated 30.11.2022 mandated new registration of only CNG / electric autos in NCR w.e.f. 01.01.2023. Existing diesel autos to be phased out from entire NCR in a graded manner, by 2026.

The State Govts. of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan shall comprehensively plan and ensure to completely phase out diesel auto rickshaws from

- The Districts of Gurugram, Faridabad, Gautam Budh Nagar and Ghaziabad, latest by 31.12.2024 – already implemented
- The Districts of Sonapat, Rohtak, Jhajjar and Baghpat in the NCR, latest by 31.12.2025 and;**
- All other Districts in the NCR, latest by 31.12.2026; thus, targeting for **all auto rickshaws plying in the NCR to be either CNG/electricity fuelled w.e.f. 01.01.2027.**

#### 6.5.4 Induction of EVs and charging infrastructure as per the EV policy of the respective NCR States.

##### 6.5.4.1 Shift to electric mobility

To encourage the use of electric vehicles (EVs), the Government of NCT of Delhi (GNCTD) and other states in the National Capital Region (NCR) have updated their EV policies. The Commission has also recognized the shift to electric mobility as a key strategy for reducing vehicle pollution over the long term. During 2024, 11 % of the total vehicles registered were Electric vehicles in Delhi and about 3.4 % in other NCR districts of Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

The number of electric vehicles registered in the NCR as of March 31, 2025, based on data from the respective State Governments and GNCTD, is as follows:

<b>Delhi – 3,76,152</b>	<b>Haryana – 81,528</b>
<b>UP – 1,32,914</b>	<b>Rajasthan – 15,487</b>

##### 6.5.4.2 Charging Infrastructure

To support this shift, important infrastructure like battery charging stations, battery swapping facilities, and systems for disposing of used batteries will be needed, especially as more EVs are expected on the roads in the coming years.

As per the available data total 3,100 battery charging stations and 4,793 charging points are already in place in the National Capital of Delhi whereas 488 charging stations are available in other areas in NCR which is given in **Table 6.7**.

**Table 6.7 Available charging stations/points in NCR regions**

<b>NCR States</b>	<b>Stations/points Commissioned</b>
Delhi	3,497/5,612
Haryana	304
Raj	19
UP	62/171



**Fig. 6.5 Charging Stations/Points in NCR regions**

### **6.5.5 Parking area management plans - Rationalization of parking charges to disincentivize private vehicles**

The Hon'ble Supreme court on August 10, 2020, taking note of the adverse contribution to the air quality in NCR transport sector, had directed the MCD (then five Urban Local Bodies in Delhi) and other concerned authorities in NCR to frame detailed comprehensive parking plan for the NCR.

Accordingly, following with an Advisory dated 24.04.2024, the Commission issued Direction No. 82 dated 20.08.224 – “Enhanced parking charges for private vehicles to encourage public transport” to the urban local bodies in Delhi i.e., MCD, NDMC and DCB to comprehensively review and rationalize the parking charges for private vehicles in their respective jurisdictions based on the review of local area - specific integrated parking management plans and associated pricing strategies.

### **6.5.6 Other actions for control of emissions from vehicles in Delhi-NCR during 2024-25.**

#### **6.5.6.1 Action against vehicles without PUC, visibly polluting/ overloaded vehicles**

Towards compliance of emission standards under new “Pollution under Control” (PUC) Certificate regime and for ascertaining the compliance of PUC norms and regular certification of vehicles, the Commission has pursued with the States concerned and GNCTD to conduct drive against such vehicles. The details of the vehicles challaned for PUC violations/ visibly polluting/ during 2024-25 in the NCR are given in **Table 6.8**.

**Table 6.8** Details of the vehicles challaned for PUC violations/ visibly polluting/ during 2024-25 in the NCR

Delhi –7,03,171	Haryana –1,28,290
UP –1,56,110	Rajasthan– 20,143

#### 6.5.6.2 Liquidation of End-of-Life vehicles (ELVs)

There are about 59 lakhs deregistered ELVs in Delhi alone of which 2-wheelers and 4-wheelers are about 39 lakhs and 18 lakhs respectively. However, as per survey conducted by IIT, Delhi and Transport Department, NCT of Delhi, only 1.5 to 2.0 lakhs ELVs are on road. Likewise, there are 27.5, 12.4 and 6.1 lakhs deregistered ELVs in NCR districts of Haryana, UP and Rajasthan respectively.

In consonance with the Hon'ble NGT directions, which was also upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, to strictly ensure that Petrol/ Diesel vehicles more than 10/15 years old do not ply in NCR, the States concerned and GNCTD were to conduct drive against such vehicles. The details of the overaged vehicles impounded in the NCR by concerned agencies during 2024-25, are given in **Table 6.9**.

**Table 6.9** Details of the overaged vehicles impounded in the NCR by concerned agencies during 2024-25

Delhi – 32,211	Haryana – 5,604
UP – 2,846	Rajasthan – 12,718

#### 6.5.6.3 Implementation of Scrapping Policy

The NCR States Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have been notified “Vehicle Scrappage Policy” in compliance to the RVSF Rules, 2021 as amended in 2022, with an objective to phase out old aged and unfit vehicles as early as possible in the interest of road safety and the environment. The Policies are aimed to create dis-incentives in the form of higher fees for the renewal of registration after a particular age, for renewal of the pollution certificate, and for fitness testing and also to incentivise in the form of rebates in the motor vehicle tax, and registration fees. List of RVSF facilities installed in NCR States is given in **Table 6.10**.

**Table 6.10: List of RVSF facilities installed in NCR States**

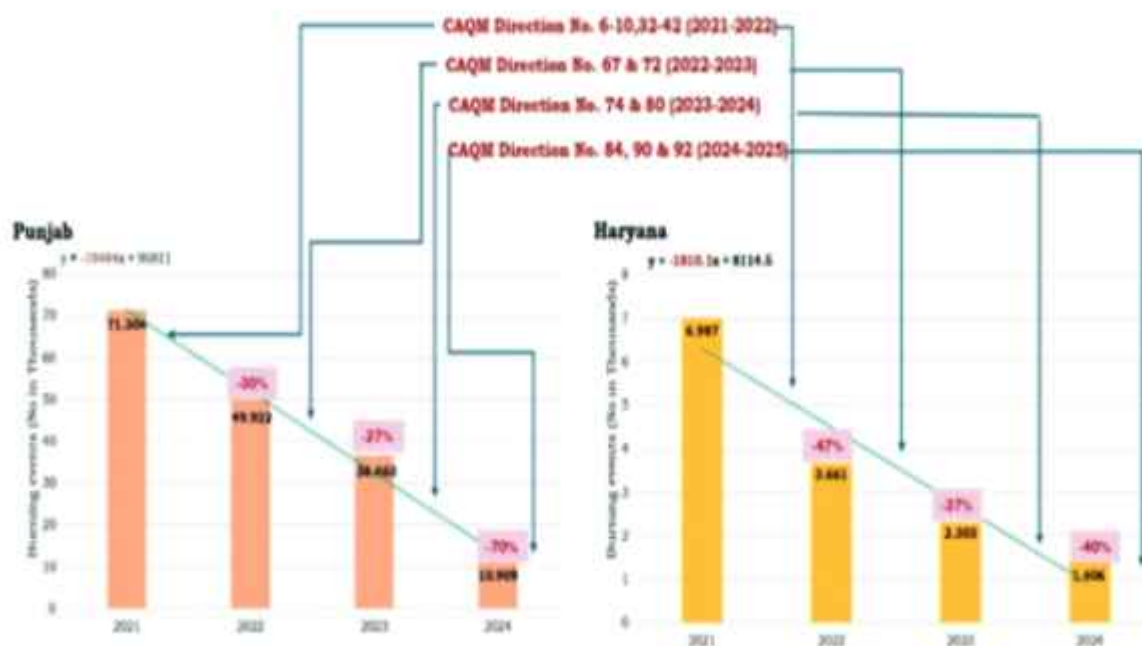
State	No. of RVSF
Delhi	01 (approved)
Haryana	18
Rajasthan	Nil
Uttar Pradesh	17

### 6.6 Abatement of Air Pollution from Crop Residue Burning

The Commission, after due deliberation with concerned stakeholders issued a detailed and comprehensive framework in June, 2021 for effective prevention and control of stubble burning. Based on the said framework action plans for prevention and control of the paddy stubble burning incidents were formulated on a year-to-year basis and implemented by State Governments of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh (for NCR districts), Rajasthan (for NCR districts) and GNCTD.

#### Incidences of Paddy Residue Burning in 2024:

During the subsequent years (2020-2024), along with implementation of CAQM's directions and advisories, substantial reduction in stubble burning incidents has been reported across in Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and NCR districts of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan (Figure 6.6 & Figure 6.7). In Punjab the burning cases have declined from 83,002 in 2020 to 10,909 in 2024 (87%) and Haryana from 4,202 to 1,406 (67%) in the same period. Overall, the total incidents across all regions decrease eventually from 87,632 in 2020 to 12,750 in 2024 (85%) (Table 6.11).



**Figure 6.6:** Cumulative fire counts statistics in the paddy harvest season (15th September - 30th November) in Punjab and Haryana



**Figure 6.7:** Field insights of activities done by the CAQM team during the paddy harvesting season 2024; a) monitoring of burning events, b) monitoring of ex situ management activities.

**Table 6.11: Cumulative Fire counts statistics in the paddy harvest season (15th September - 30th November) in the NCR and adjoining areas**

State Name	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Punjab	83002	71304	49922	36663	10909
Haryana	4202	6987	3661	2303	1406
Uttar Pradesh (NCR)	407	252	198	212	414
Total (including Delhi and NCR districts in Rajasthan)	87632	78550	53792	39186	12750

Towards advance planning/ preparedness for Paddy harvesting season, 2025, the Commission has started following up with the concerned State Governments, well before the paddy sowing season 2025, as early as in February, 2025 to sensitize the respective State machinery for prevention and control of the incidents of stubble burning to target total elimination of paddy farm fires during 2025.

Based on the framework advised by the Commission and learnings from the year 2021-2024, updated action plans were submitted by the State Governments of Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh for the year 2025. The respective action plans as submitted were deliberated upon in the full commission meeting held on 27/03/2025.



The State Governments of Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh have been directed to effectively implement the respective revised action plans to ensure complete elimination of paddy stubble burning during 2025, inter-alia focusing on the following including effective enforcement and monitoring mechanism:

- I. Mapping of each farm in all villages for the proposed mode of paddy stubble management (crop diversification/in-situ management/ex-situ management / fodder etc.).
- ii. Tagging of specific nodal officer to a group of farmers, covering all farmers in the district. Maximum 50 farmers could be tagged with each nodal officer, for effective monitoring.
- iii. Comprehensive review of the inventories of CRM machines, including discarding the outdated non-functional machines- A fresh gap analysis and planning for procurement of different types and nos. of machinery needs to be conducted for 2025.
- iv. Ensuring timely procurement of new CRM machines as per the comprehensive review, to be done latest by August 2025.
- v. Ensure optimal machine availability in CHCs and effective utilization, especially for small/marginal farmers.
- vi. Mandate rent-free availability of CRM machines for small / marginal farmers through the CHCs.
- vii. Effective use of IT for planning, procurement, booking of machines and their on-ground utilization.
- viii. Optimal utilization of balers, rakers and other machines for ex-situ management, including a plan for movement of these machines based on the harvesting patterns/schedules in various districts/villages.
- ix. Planning for adequate and appropriate storage facility for paddy straw bales, including minimization of losses due to fire, in tune with the projections for ex-situ utilization- A gap analysis to be done and parcels of Govt./Panchayat lands to be identified and made available for storage of paddy straw bales.
- x. Consolidation of a robust and continuous supply chain of paddy straw in various forms for ex-situ applications - District Level Supply Chain Management Plan to be formulated for each district duly mapping baling, pelleting/briquetting and storage infrastructure and tagging with identified end-use applications.
- xi. Mandating a common determined rate for procurement of paddy straw in Punjab and Uttar Pradesh as has been done in the State of Haryana.

- xii. Establish an online platform for real-time and consistent data reporting to monitor the paddy residue generation, CRM utilization, and its in-situ and ex-situ utilization.
- xiii. Promotion and convergence of various schemes of MoA&FW/MoPNG /CPCB / MNRE for ex-situ management of paddy straw through automated information sharing and joint monitoring of outcomes.
- xiv. Set up a “pilot” common paddy straw-based boiler to supply steam to multiple units in an industrial estate.
- xv. Mandating use of paddy straw pellets/briquettes for co-firing in brick kilns on the lines of thermal power plants (detailed directions / guidelines to this effect shall be issued by the Commission).
- xvi. Constitution of a dedicated “Parali Protection Force” at the district / block level comprising of police officers, officers of the Agriculture Department, administrative officers, nodal/cluster officers and officials from other stakeholder Departments, to closely monitor, oversee and guard against any incident of open paddy stubble burning.
- xvii. Intensified patrolling by enforcement agencies during late evening hours considering the tendency of some farmers to resort to burning during late evening hours to evade the satellite recording of the farm fires.
- xviii. Facilitating citizens to report their complaints on social media platform regarding incidents of stubble burning.
- xix. Ensuring Red entries in farm records and imposition and realization of appropriate EC charges in respect of all such farmers, who still resort to stubble burning.

GNCT of Delhi and State Government of Rajasthan have also been advised to make every effort towards totally eliminating paddy stubble burning incidents during the ensuing harvest season.

## **6.7 Control of Pollution through Prevention of Municipal Solid Waste Burning and Management of Municipal Solid Waste**

The Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) poses a significant threat to human health and the planet. Population growth and urbanisation, along with inadequate waste management, make it difficult to tackle one of the greatest environmental challenges. The waste generated is not managed properly, resulting in improper disposal in landfills/dumpsites. Due to this mismanagement of MSW a large number of cases of uncontrolled open burning of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) /Open biomass are a matter of serious concern and one of the major contributors to air pollution owing to the



generation of Particulate Matter (PM<sub>10</sub> & PM<sub>2.5</sub>) and gaseous pollutants (NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, and CO). Open burning of MSW, which also consists of plastics and other such materials, leads to the production of Dioxins and Furans, which are extremely toxic and a serious health concern. The mixed MSW in landfill can release particulate matter, CH<sub>4</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub> by physical, chemical and biological processes. PM in landfill is released from the machinery movement, unpaved roads, waste burning (accidental) and dry waste suspension, which can be wind-blown. CH<sub>4</sub> is emitted in the atmosphere through anaerobic digestion of organic waste, whereas combustion activities have been emitting a large amount of CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere. Although the burning of different waste emits dioxins, furans and other toxic gases. The waste accumulated in landfill sites also generates Volatile Organic Compounds. Their high volatility makes them dangerous air pollutants, as well as precursors of tropospheric ozone.

In India, the issue of Municipal solid waste management and scientific disposal is a major problem. India generates approx. 1,70,000 TPD waste every day and approx. 41,500 TPD is dumped at landfill sites (CPCB 2021-22). In the context of Delhi-NCR, MSW management is one of the major environmental challenges. Delhi-NCR generates approx. 20,777 TPD of Municipal Solid Waste in which Delhi contributes 11,500 TPD, followed by Haryana- NCR Cities 4738 TPD. In the case of Uttar Pradesh-NCR, it contributes 4141 TPD of fresh waste per day. In the case of the districts of Rajasthan-NCR generates approx. 400 TPD of MSW.

In terms of legacy waste, Delhi-NCR has 184.47 Lakh MT of it, of which the major contribution was from Delhi. Accordingly, Delhi (MCD) targets for completion of biomining of its 3 landfill sites by December 2027. In the case of Gurugram, authorities aim to complete remediation of legacy waste, Greater Noida also set its priorities to complete liquidation of its 4 LMT of legacy waste. In case of daily waste processing, Delhi plans to augment 7,750 TPD (5000 WTE, 2000 WTE expansion, 450 CBG, 300 B-CNG) waste processing units for better waste management. The authorities of NCR cities of Haryana are also establishing two 1500 TPD waste processing plants in Faridabad and Gurugram to meet the needs. NCR cities of UP are also establishing [Noida 800 TPD (600 WTE, 200 B-CNG), [Greater Noida 450 TPD (300 WTE, 100 B-CNG, 50 Misc.)] and [Ghaziabad 2965 TPD (2300 WTE, 300 B-CNG, 90 Misc.)] waste processing facilities for proper waste management, which leads to a reduction in waste dumping and burning.

In the matter of MSW burning and management of MSW for prevention of open burning, CAQM coordinates with various agencies such as Municipal corporations,

ULBs, SPCBs and MoHUA to monitor the solid waste management in Delhi and NCR with a view to reducing the solid waste burning activities and landfill/dumpsite fires, thereby reducing the air pollution.

Regarding this, the Commission issued “Policy to curb air pollution in the National Capital region” in July 2022. Under which actions and Targets/ Timelines concerning MSW management and burning of open waste are indicated. The Commission advised authorities to develop and monitor appropriate plans to manage the waste generated in the region and liquidate the legacy waste. Regular meetings were held to review the progress.

The Commission have identified that incidents of waste burning in Delhi-NCR are continuous, causing an air pollution problem. The primary reason for this widespread burning is inefficient waste management systems, which often lack comprehensive management of MSW. This leads to the accumulation of mixed waste in landfills and open spaces, making burning a common, albeit illegal, disposal method. Additionally, during winter months, open burning of waste for warmth by the poor and homeless further intensifies the problem.

Regarding the issue of waste burning/biomass. The Commission issued an advisory dated 07.08.2024 to Residents Welfare Associations (RWA) for providing electric heaters to security staff in winters, towards control of open burning of MSW/biomass (leaves, twigs, etc.).

## **6.8 Abatement of Air Pollution from Dispersed Sources**

The project on abatement of Air Pollution from Dispersed Sources is ongoing in Delhi since, 2022 which aims to capture surveys, complaints etc. related to air polluting activities from various dispersed / misc. sources through a dedicated web-portal. The issues so flagged are then assigned to the concerned agencies for appropriate resolution of the same and the status post resolution / attention to the issue is uploaded back on the portal. The implementation of the project was regularly reviewed by the Commission during the year. A total of 3,12,793 issues have been identified as on 31.03.2025, of which 2,55,690 issues (approx. 82%) have since been resolved. The programme has also been further extended to Noida, Ghaziabad, Faridabad and Gurugram cities in NCR and all out efforts are being made to resolve the issues on priority in coordination with the ULBs concerned. Illustrative resolution of issues under the Project is shown in **Fig. 6.8**.



**Fig. 6.8 Illustrative Resolution of issues under the Project**

### **6.9 Greening and Plantation in NCR to Abate Air Pollution**

In order to mitigate air pollution and address associated environmental concerns such as desertification, dust intrusion, and the buildup of harmful gaseous pollutants, it is essential to implement comprehensive dust mitigation strategies. One of the most sustainable and environmentally beneficial methods of doing so is through the widespread implementation of greening and plantation activities. These activities act as natural barriers against airborne particulates, reduce the accumulation of dust, and contribute to the purification of ambient air. In particular, these measures are critical when focused on specific vulnerable areas, such as roadsides, central verges, and open or degraded lands. The development of green belts and forest sinks in both urban and peri-urban zones is essential across the entire National Capital Region (NCR) to strengthen the region's ecological resilience and mitigate the harmful effects of pollution.

With this background and in view of the growing environmental concerns in the region, the Commission proactively initiated steps to facilitate and accelerate greening initiatives. In a coordinated effort, the Commission actively engaged with various governmental and institutional stakeholders. This included the State Governments of NCR, the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD), relevant Ministries and agencies under the Central Government, Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), as well as academic and research institutions. The aim was to foster a collaborative framework that would encourage large-scale greening interventions and significantly increase the green cover across the Delhi-NCR region.

Understanding the urgency of implementing structured and effective afforestation strategies, the Commission issued clear guidance to all concerned stakeholders. All participating agencies were encouraged and advised to formulate specific, target-driven action plans aimed at executing extensive plantation drives. These action plans were to be measurable and outcome-focused to ensure that real and sustainable environmental

benefits were realized. The focus of these plans extended beyond just the number of saplings planted. Equal importance was placed on qualitative aspects that are critical to the success of any greening initiative.

The qualitative components emphasized in these plans included the careful and site-appropriate selection of native and climate-resilient plant species to ensure ecological suitability and long-term sustainability. Agencies were also directed to implement comprehensive post-plantation care mechanisms, including protection of planted saplings from external damage, adequate watering, mulching, and soil management practices to promote healthy growth. Further, survival rates of the plantations were identified as a key performance indicator, with special attention given to maintenance and regular monitoring activities to ensure the saplings matured into thriving green assets. In addition to these biological and ecological components, the greening and landscaping of central verges, road medians, sidewalks, and other linear infrastructure elements throughout NCR's urban road networks were also prioritized.

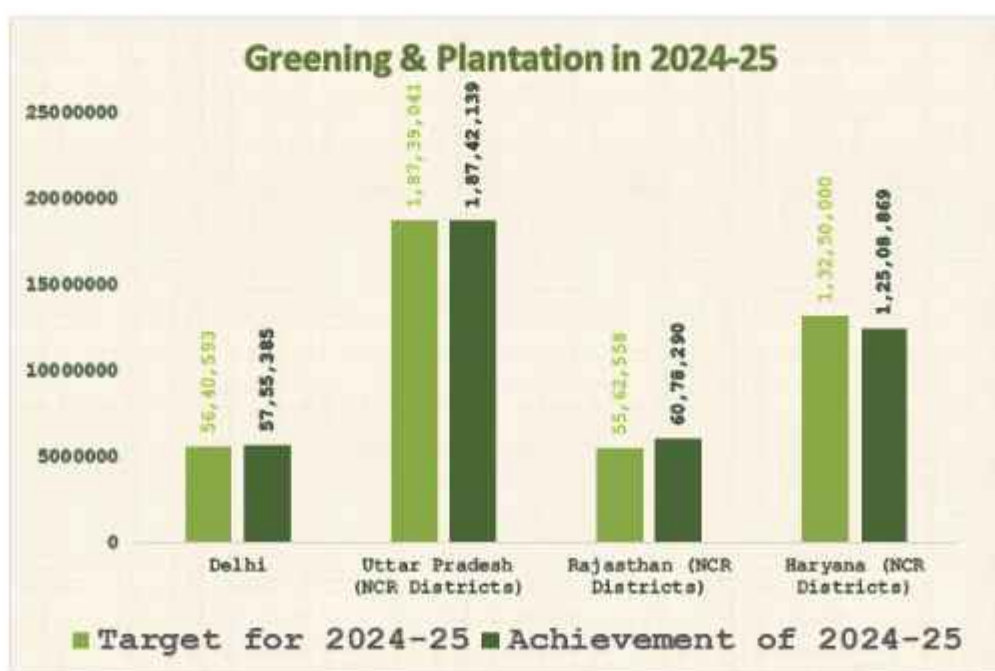
Throughout the year, the Commission played an active facilitative and monitoring role. It consistently maintained communication and engagement with the concerned departments and agencies through regular review meetings, stakeholder workshops, and site-level inspections. These platforms were used not only to monitor progress but also to encourage knowledge-sharing and cross-learning among stakeholders. A significant element of the Commission's engagement strategy involved fostering community participation. Citizens, school and college students, resident welfare associations, and various civil society organizations were actively encouraged to take part in plantation and greening efforts. This participatory approach aimed to cultivate a deeper public connection to environmental protection and to build a broader sense of ownership and accountability among the local population. Engaging the public was seen as vital for sustaining the outcomes of greening initiatives and promoting environmental stewardship across all age groups.

To ensure that plantation efforts were progressing in line with the expectations and the targets defined in the respective action plans, the Commission undertook periodic reviews of implementation across all levels. These reviews focused on evaluating the work of different agencies against the key indicators mentioned in their respective plans. Where discrepancies or shortcomings were identified, the Commission provided constructive feedback and suggested mid-course corrections to optimize performance and ensure that targets were achieved in a timely and efficient manner. This system of regular oversight helped promote a culture of accountability and continuous improvement.

As a result of these concerted efforts, notable progress was achieved during the financial year 2024–2025. Various governments and agencies within the NCR—including the Governments of Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and the GNCTD—along with implementing bodies such as the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), reported significant achievements related to their plantation and greening targets. These included increases in the number of plantation sites, the total number of saplings planted, and improved survival and maintenance of green cover. Target/ Achievement of Greening & Plantation for 2024-25 is given in Table 6.12. The achievements serve as a testament to the effectiveness of a coordinated, multi-stakeholder approach to addressing environmental degradation in one of India's most critically polluted regions. Target/ Achievement of Greening & Plantation for 2024-25 is given in Fig 6.9.

**Table. 6.12 Target/ Achievement of Greening & Plantation for 2024-25**

NCR Regions	Target for 2024-25	Achievement of 2024-25
Delhi	56,40,593	57,55,385
Uttar Pradesh (NCR Districts)	1,87,39,041	1,87,42,139
Rajasthan (NCR Districts)	55,62,558	60,78,290
Haryana (NCR Districts)	1,32,50,000	1,25,08,869
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,31,92,192</b>	<b>4,30,84,683</b>



**Fig. 6.9 Target/ Achievement of Greening & Plantation for 2024-25**

## 6.10 Research and Development Initiatives

Under the financial assistance granted by the Commission for Research and Development, following studies have been completed during the year 2024-25:

- (i) The study under the project entitled “Addressing Vehicular Traffic Induced Road Dust re-suspension with S&T based Action Plans for Air Quality Improvement in Delhi NCR” was conducted jointly under the joint supervision of Principal Investigators, Dr. S. K. Goyal, Chief Scientist & Head, CSIR-NEERI and Dr. Neeraj Sharma, Chief Scientist, TPE Division, CRRI, New Delhi.
- (ii) The study under the project entitled “Evaluation of Retro-fitment of 2 & 3-Wheeler Auto-rickshaws with Electric Drive as an option for improvement in air quality in NCR” has been completed under the supervision of Principal Investigator, Dr. Ravindra Kumar, GM, ARAI, Kothrud, Pune.

## 6.11 Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP)

Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) is an emergency response action plan which calls for a set of emergent preventive/restrictive actions depending on air quality of Delhi and is in force since 2017 by MoEF&CC. The Commission has comprehensively revisited the contours of the GRAP, towards an effective implementation mechanism and control on the adverse air quality scenario that generally persists in the entire NCR during the peak winter months.

For the year 2024, revised GRAP was issued on 17.09.2024 for Delhi-NCR directing all agencies concerned in Delhi and NCR for Strict implementation of the revised Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), in the NCR to be implemented by all the agencies concerned for combating the adverse air quality scenario generally prevailing in Delhi owing to unfavorable climatic and meteorological conditions specially during the winter months. Logo of Graded Response Action plan, CAQM is shown in **Fig. 6.10**.

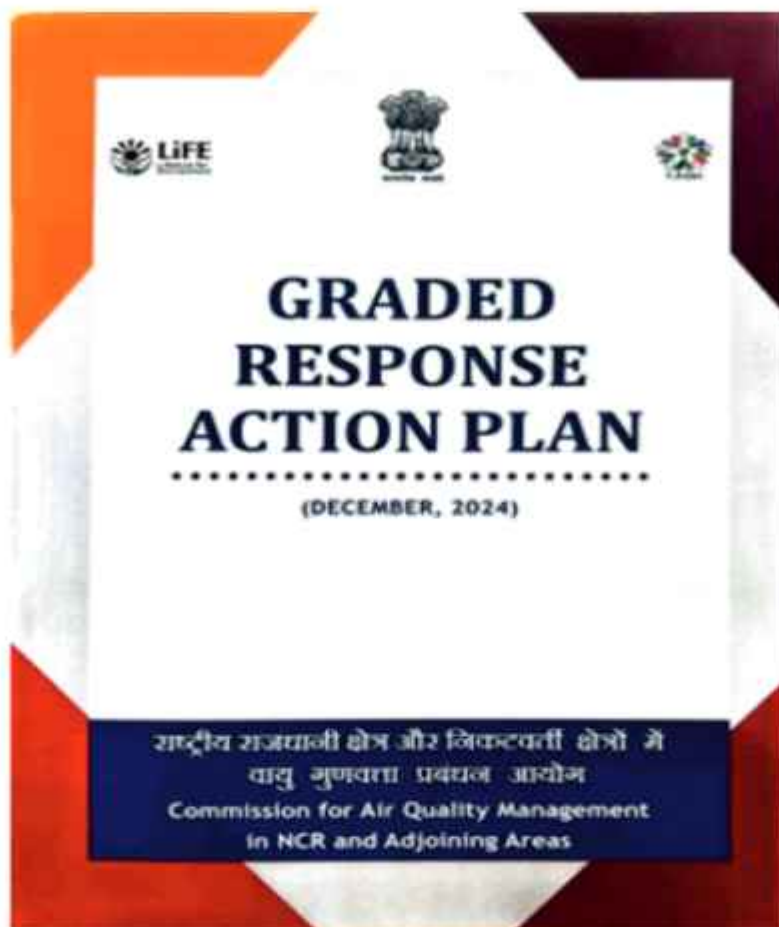


Fig. 6.10 Logo of Graded Response Action plan, CAQM

Based on progressive developments over the time and directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court hearing in WP No. 13029 of 1985 M. C. Mehta Vs UOI & Ors. on matters related to Air Pollution of Delhi, the Sub-Committee on GRAP deliberated the matter accordingly and GRAP Schedule has been further revised and submitted to Hon'ble Supreme Court which was approved by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and issued by the Commission vide order dated 13.12.2024.

#### Statutory Directions

Direction No. 83 dated 17.09.2024 -Revised Schedule of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) for NCR.

Order dated 13.12.2024 –

Comprehensively revised schedule of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP)

### **Invocation/Revocation of Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) during 2024-25**

The Sub-Committee on GRAP held 37 meetings from time to time during the year and invoked/revoked measures in the various phases of GRAP based on the prevailing IMD/IITM air quality and AQI forecasts. GRAP Stage-I was in effect for approximately 153 days during this period, GRAP Stage-II for 127 days, GRAP Stage-III for 44 days, and GRAP Level IV was in effect for 27 days.

### **6.12 Enforcement Task Force– Flying Squads for incognito inspections**

The Commission constituted Enforcement Task Force (ETF) on 02.12.2021 (re-constituted on 17.05.2024) in exercise of the powers conferred under section 11(5) of the CAQM Act, 2021 as well as the enabling provisions made thereunder. It monitors and supervises the implementation of the statutory directions issued by the Commission from time to time and related environmental statutes.

40 Flying Squads/Inspections Teams have been constituted by the Commission to carry out incognito checks for identifying serious violations/statutory Directions of the Commission and recommend appropriate action thereon, based on the seriousness of non-compliances. The ETF, through its regular meetings, considers the recommendations of the Flying Squads/Inspection Teams and recommend appropriate directions on each of the inspection reports, including reviewing the status of various Closure Directions and Resumption Orders issued by the Commission.

Up to 31.03.2025, Flying Squads inspected a total of 20, 423 sites out of which 639 Industrial premises, 524 C&D sites and 41 entities using DG sets were found to be grossly violating/non-compliant with respect to various statutory directions, guidelines and orders. Accordingly, closure directions were issued in respect of such 1204 units. 933 such units were later permitted to resume operations by the Commission following due corrective and preventive measures by such units to address the gross violations and with a commitment to henceforth comply with all statutory directions/guidelines of the Commission and other related statutes to abate air pollution.

Up to 31.03.2025, a total of 2354 units (4438 DG sets) had been inspected by the Flying Squads for non-compliant DG sets. Of these, 900 units (1368 DG sets) were found non-compliant with respect to the Commission's Direction No. 76 and were issued sealing orders. Concerned SPCBs/DPCC were directed to de-seal the DG sets after ensuring compliance of the Commission's Direction.



### **6.12.1 Standard Schedule for Environmental Compensation (EC) Charges in Closure Directions/Sealing orders issued by the Commission**

Environmental Compensation (EC) charges are imposed by the concerned Pollution Control Boards/Committee on polluting units in Delhi NCR in cases where the Commission issues Closure Directions, Sealing Orders, or Show Cause Notices for gross violations of applicable Rules, Regulations, Directions, Orders, and Guidelines.

To ensure uniformity and transparency in the imposition of EC across NCR, the Commission issued a comprehensive Standard Schedule on 01.01.2025. This Schedule provides state-wise and sector-wise harmonisation of EC charges for violations observed in the industrial sector, Diesel Generator (DG) sets, and Construction & Demolition (C&D) activities, based on inspections conducted by the Commission's Flying Squads.

All NCR State Pollution Control Boards and the Delhi Pollution Control Committee have been directed to take cognizance of the Standard Schedule while imposing EC in cases arising from Closure Directions, Show Cause Notices, and related orders issued by the Commission. Further, any other agencies authorized to levy EC for violations or Closure Directions issued by the Commission are also to be appropriately directed to adhere to the Standard Schedule.

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## 7. Establishment, Finance and Budget

### Establishment

During 2024-25, the Commission was headed by the Chairperson Dr. M.M. Kutty upto 29.04.2024, Dr. Narmada Prasad Shukla w.e.f. 08.05.2024 to 08.09.2024 (additional charge) and Shri Rajesh Verma w.e.f. 09.09.2024. Besides, there were three full-time Technical Members viz. Dr. N.P. Shukla (upto 03.12.2024), Dr. S.D. Attri and Dr. Virinder Sharma, one full-time Member viz. Dr. Sujit Kumar Bajpayee (w.e.f. 23.09.2024) and Shri Arvind Kumar Nautiyal, Member Secretary, in addition to ex-officio Members, Members from NGOs and other Members, as per the Act.

The Commission operates from its office premises at 17th Floor, Jawahar Vyapar Bhawan, (STC Building), Tolstoy Marg, New Delhi – 110001, and functions through the scientists/officers and staff posted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, on deputation as well as through contractual/ outsourced employees. The Government of India sanctioned 56 posts for the Commission across various cadres, in December 2021. Details of such posts and the incumbency position as on 31.03.2025 are as under:

### Sanctioned strength of the Commission (As on 31.03.2025)

S. N.	Name of the post	Pay Level	Sanctioned Staff Strength	Person in Position (regular)
1.	Director	13	1	1
2.	Scientist 'E'	13	2	1
3.	Legal Advisor	13	1	-
4.	Deputy Secretary	12	2	1
5.	St.Principal Private Secretary	12	1	-
6.	Scientist 'D'	12	2	2
7.	Under Secretary	11	4	2
8.	Principal Private Secretary	11	4	2
9.	Scientist 'C'	11	2	2
10.	Deputy Legal Advisor	11	1	-
11.	Scientist 'B'	10	7	3
12.	Assistant Legal Advisor	10	1	1
13.	Sr. Accounts Officer	9	1	-



S. N.	Name of the post	Pay Level	Sanctioned Staff Strength	Person in Position (regular)
14.	Section Officer	8	4	1
15.	Private Secretary	8	4	1
16.	Assistant Section Officer	7	9	4
17.	Personal Assistant	7	5	-
18.	Assistant Accounts Officer	7	1	-
19.	Legal Assistant	7	2	1
20.	Junior Translator	6	1	-
21.	Accountant	5	1	-
	<b>Total</b>		<b>56</b>	<b>22</b>

To cater for the deficit, the CAQM has on a need basis appointed contractual manpower/resource persons for managing its roles and functions, within the overall strength sanctioned by the Central Government.

### **General Administration**

The Commission's General Administration Section handles tasks pertaining to the acquisition and upkeep of products and services, as well as tasks involving housekeeping, transportation, sanitation, security and protocol facilities. By giving the necessary support to the Commission's various divisions in accordance with the provisions of the Manual of Office Procedures, General Financial Rules, Delegation of Financial Power Rules, and the Guidelines/Directions periodically issued by the Government of India, the Section enabling the Commission to operate smoothly.

### **Legal Division**

The Legal Division plays a vital role in managing and overseeing the Commission's legal affairs. The Division ensured that all legal processes and actions remained in strict compliance with statutory and regulatory frameworks. During the year 2024–2025, the Division efficiently handled 19 new legal cases instituted before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, various benches of the Hon'ble High Court, and the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, in addition to managing several ongoing legal matters.

Key responsibilities of the Division include:

- i. Conducting in-depth legal research on pertinent issues;
- ii. Providing timely legal inputs on legislative issues;



- iii. Drafting affidavits and other legal documents to safeguard the interests of the Commission;
- iv. Briefing and coordination with the Attorney General, Solicitor General, Additional Solicitor Generals, and panel counsels before various judicial forums;
- v. Offering legal advice on policy and administrative matters.
- vi. Legal vetting of major directions, advisories, and communications issued by the Commission;
- vii. Drafting and/or vetting of Memorandums of Understanding (MoU);
- viii. Drafting proposals for amendments to relevant Acts, Rules, and Regulations;

Through these efforts, the Legal Division continued to provide essential legal support to the Commission, thereby contributing to the effective implementation of its mandate.

### **Vigilance**

The Vigilance Section caters to vigilance related matters in respect of officers/officials posted in the Commission. The Section is responsible for vigilance activities in the organization under the general guidance of the CVC. The functions of this Section are divided into three parts viz. preventive vigilance, punitive vigilance and surveillance & detection.

“Vigilance Awareness Week” was observed in the CAQM during 28.10.24 to 03.11.24, towards spreading awareness during which all officers and staff took an Integrity Pledge.

Only one pseudonymous complaint involving vigilance angle was received by CAQM against its Officers or staff during 2024-25.

### **Right to Information**

An RTI Cell has been established in the Commission to ensure effective and efficient implementation of the Right to Information Act, 2005 and for the purpose of dealing with all matters relating to RTI including appeals, suo-moto disclosures, related reports and returns and coordination in cases of RTI matters. Accordingly, the Commission has designated CPIOs and First Appellate Authority in accordance with the provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005.

During the period 2024-25 the CAQM received total 84 RTI requests and 12 appeals under the Right to Information Act 2005. All RTI requests and appeals received during this period disposed of within stipulated time period.



### **Official Language**

The Commission monitors the use of Hindi in the Official work of the Commission. As envisaged in the Official Language Policy set out by the Department of Official Language, the activities conducted by the CAQM towards promotion of Hindi during the Financial Year 2024-25 include:

- (a) Participation in the meeting of Official Language advisory committee “हिन्दी सलाहकार समिति” of the MoEFCC.
- (b) A fortnightly event “हिन्दी पखवाड़ा” was organized in the Commission from 14th to 29th September, 2024. During this fortnight 05 competitions viz. Hindi Speech, Noting & Drafting, Hindi Poem Recitation, Knowledge of Official Language and Hindi Calligraphy were organized. The officials of the Commission as well as the contractual/outsourced employees participated enthusiastically in above mentioned competitions.
- (c) 04 Hindi Workshops were organized during the Financial Year 2024-25 to encourage use of Hindi by Officials of the Commission.
- (d) Regular meetings of the Official Language Implementation Committee (total 04 meetings) were held in the Commission during the Financial Year 2024-25.

### **Grievance Redressal Mechanism**

The Commission has a Grievance Redressal Mechanism in place that includes a review every two weeks of all outstanding representations and public grievances to ensure prompt resolution. The Commission has designated two days a week for public hearings without an appointment so that the public may discuss their issues/complaints and have them resolved. In order to make it easier for people to report activities in the NCR that cause air pollution, the Commission has also been responding to complaints about air pollution on its social media handle “X.”

### **Media & Outreach**

An IEC (Information, Education and Communication) & Media Cell of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) is actively working to expand the reach of the Commission with regard to the various actions taken in coordination with various agencies concerned to abate air pollution in the Delhi-NCR. The Commission's Media Division/Cell released over 45 press releases and briefs in FY 2024-2025 for an extensive coverage in print and digital media. Further, 71 posts were made from the social media handle ('X') of the Commission.

In celebration of World Environment Day 2024, CAQM in active participation of school students organized an Awareness Drive/Campaign for employees working in different offices functioning within the STC Building, Janpath, Delhi and public at large. Focusing on theme of the World Environment Day 2024, "Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience", the drive aimed to educate and engage employees and public at large on the critical issues of land degradation, desertification, strategies to build resilience against drought, environment sustainability and steps to abate air pollution in the region.

The Awareness Drive included a plantation programme and IEC activities through jingles, Nukkad Natak, presentations, etc. in different offices housed in the STC Building viz. Security Printing & Minting Corporation of India Ltd., Ministry of Finance; various divisions of the State Bank of India; Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances; Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India Ltd.; The Handicrafts & Handlooms Exports Corporation of India Ltd.; State Trading Corporation; CAQM; etc.



**Finance and Budget**

The Commission receives its funds through Grants-in Aid from the Government of India through Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The details of the funds received and utilized during 2024-25 are tabulated below:

**Financial Year 2024-25**

(All figures in Rs.Crore)

<b>Head</b>	<b>Allocation RE 2024- 25</b>	<b>Grant Received 2024- 25</b>	<b>Expenditure 2024-25</b>	<b>Unutilized funds (Carried forward to 2025-26)</b>
Grant in Aid -General	16.79	16.79	16.69	0.09
Grant in Aid -Salary	5.36	5.36	4.44	1.23
Grant in Aid -Capital	0.10	0.10	-	0.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>22.25</b>	<b>22.25</b>	<b>21.13</b>	<b>1.42</b>

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## 8. Annual Statement of Accounts 2024-25

The Annual Statement of Accounts for the Commission for the year 2024-25 was prepared in accordance with the Commission for Air Quality Management in the National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (Form of Annual Statement of Accounts) Rules, 2022.

The accounts were audited by the office of the Director General (Audit), Environment and Scientific Departments, under the Comptroller of Auditor General of India. Their observations were duly examined and a compliance report was submitted in this context. The Annual Account Statement along with the Special Audit Report and Action Taken thereon, has been adopted by the Commission.

A copy of the Annual Account Statement (2024-25) for the Commission, along with the Special Audit Report and Action Taken thereon, is placed at Annexure II

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## 9. Air Quality Perspective for Delhi

During the year 2024-25 the Commission initiated different measures including its policy-based approach, field actions through its advisories & directions/orders etc. in all identified sectors for the abatement of air pollution from Delhi – NCR. With, concerted and persistent efforts of all the stakeholders in the field have helped to increase the number of good to moderate (AQI < 200) days in Delhi as compared to the past few years (barring 2020 – the year of lockdown due to COVID).

**Comparative analysis of Air quality parameters in Delhi for the years 2018 to 2024**

Year	2018	2019	2020*	2021	2022	2023	2024
Avg. AQI	225	215	185	209	209	204	209
No. of days with Good to Moderate Air Quality (AQI ≤ 200)	159	182	227	197	163	206	209
No. of days with AQI >200	206	183	139	168	202	159	157
Avg. PM <sub>10</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	242	218	181	211	211	206	212
Avg. PM <sub>2.5</sub> (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	114	109	95	105	98	100	105

\*COVID Year

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**ANNEXURE-I****Directions issued by the Commission during 2024-25**

<b>Direction No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>
80	12.04.2024	Implementation and review of the updated/ revised plan of action for prevention and control of Paddy Stubble Burning in 2024
81	14.06.2024	Migration of inter - city bus services to Delhi - NCR to cleaner modes
82	20.08.2024	Enhanced parking charges for private vehicles to encourage public transport
84	10.10.2024	Implementation of the plans of action for prevention and control of Paddy Stubble Burning targeting elimination in 2024 - effective enforcement mechanism
83	13.12.2024	Revised Schedule of Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) for NCR
85	02.12.2024	Prevention and mitigation of Air Pollution from Construction & Demolition activities in the NCR
76	11.12.2024	Regulated use of DG Sets - reg
86	02.01.2025	Non - compliance or contravention of any provisions of the CAQM, Act, 2021, rules made thereunder or any order or direction issued by the Commission
87	02.01.2025	Non - compliance or contravention of any provisions of the CAQM, Act, 2021, rules made thereunder or any order or direction issued by the Commission

**Advisories issued by the Commission during 2024-25**

<b>Advisory No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>
14	24.04.2024	Rationalising of parking charges for private vehicles in NCR-reg
15	07.08.2024	Provision of Electric Heaters to Security Staff by RWAs
16	11.11.2024	Liquidation of large fleet of End-of - Life vehicles from NCR



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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2024-2025**



कार्यालय महानिदेशक लेखापरीक्षा, केन्द्रीय व्यय  
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**विषय: Separate Audit Report on the Accounts of Commission for Air Quality  
Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas, New Delhi for the year 2024-25.**

महोदय

मुझे वर्ष 2024-25 के लिए Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas, New Delhi का पृथक लेखापरीक्षा प्रतिवेदन अद्योषित करने का निर्देश हुआ है। संसद के दोनों सदनों में प्रस्तुत करने से पहले वर्ष 2024-25 के वार्षिक लेखों को संस्थान के शासी निकाय द्वारा अनुमोदित किया / अपनाया जाए तथा इस संबंध में शासी निकाय द्वारा जारी किया गया रेजोल्यूशन ऑडिट को भेजा जाए। प्रत्येक दस्तावेज जो संसद में प्रस्तुत किया जाए उसकी तीन प्रतियाँ इस कार्यालय तथा दो प्रतियाँ भारत के नियंत्रक महालेखापरीक्षक को अद्योषित की जाए। संसद के दोनों सदनों में प्रस्तुत करने की तिथियाँ भी इस कार्यालय को सूचित की जाए।

संलग्नक-पृथक लेखापरीक्षा प्रतिवेदन

भवदीय,

उप निदेशक (निरीक्षण)



**OPINION OF THE COMPTROLLER & AUDITOR GENERAL OF INDIA ON THE ACCOUNTS OF COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND ADJOINING AREAS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH, 2025**

**Opinion**

We have audited the Financial Statements of Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March, 2025 and the Income & Expenditure Account/Receipts & Payment Account for the year then ended, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of Significant Accounting Policies under Section 19(2) of the Comptroller & Auditor General's (Duties, Powers & Conditions of Service) Act, 1971 read with Section 17 (2) of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021.

This Audit Report contains the comments of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG) on the accounting treatment only with regard to classification, conformity with the best accounting practices, accounting standards, disclosure norms, etc. Audit observations on Financial Transactions regarding compliance with the Law, Rules and Regulations (Propriety & Regularity) and efficiency cum performance aspects, etc., if any, are reported through Inspection Reports/ CAG's audit reports separately.

In our opinion the accompanying Financial Statements of Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas read together with the Accounting Policies and Notes thereon and matters mentioned in the Separate Audit Report, which follows, **give a true and fair view** of the Financial Position of the autonomous body as at March 31, 2025, and of its Financial Performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Uniform Format of Accounts applicable to the CAQM.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with the CAG's auditing regulations/ standards/ manuals/ guidelines/guidance-notes/orders/circulars etc. Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the autonomous body in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Financial Statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Emphasis of Matter - Nil**

**Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

The Chairman of Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Statements in accordance with Uniform Format of Accounts, and for internal control as management determines it necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion in accordance with CAG's auditing regulations /standards/ manuals/ guidelines/ guidance-notes/ orders/ circulars etc.



**Separate Audit Report on the Certification Audit of Office of the Commission for Air Quality Management, New Delhi for Financial Year 2024-25**

**A. Balance Sheet**

**1. Assets**

**1.1 Current Assets (Schedule 11) ₹138.98 lakh**

**1.1.1 Understatement of Advances**

(i) An amount of ₹7.13 lakh was paid by CAQM during the financial year 2024-25 for various services, out of which ₹5.18 lakh pertained to the advance payments for Financial Year 2025-26. Instead of booking ₹5.18 lakh as advance under 'Current Assets Loans, Advances etc.', - Schedule-11, CAQM booked it as expenditure for the year 2024-25 (Schedule-21). This had resulted in understatement of Advances by ₹5.18 lakh and overstatement of expenditure by the same extent. Consequently, Deficit is also overstated by same amount.

(ii) CAQM had awarded the work of Recruitment of the staff to C-DAC, Delhi (December 2023) with a total cost of ₹30.00 lakh<sup>1</sup>. The Commission had made the final stage payment amounting to ₹ 9.44 lakh to C-DAC Delhi without getting the said work completed (March 2025) and booked the same as expenditure for the year 2024-25 (Schedule-21). This has resulted in understatement of Advances ('Current Assets Loans, Advances etc.', Schedule-11) by ₹ 9.44 lakh and overstatement of Expenditure by the same extent. Consequently, Deficit is also overstated by ₹9.44 lakh. This resulted in understatement of assets and overstatement of expenditure both by ₹9.44 lakh.

**A. General**

1. Non-Provisioning of Terminal Benefits- CAQM had mentioned terminal benefits towards gratuity and leave encashment in its accounting policy but did not make any provision for 'Terminal Benefits' viz., Gratuity, Accumulated Leave Encashment' of its officers/officials despite having regular appointed personnel. Therefore, the accounting policy is not aligned with the actual provisioning of retirement benefits.

2. Under Schedule 24 Significant Accounting Policies' Point 11, lease rentals are expensed with reference to the lease terms. CAQM has paid ₹9.03 crore as rent during the year. However,

<sup>1</sup> ₹10.00 lakh advance payment, 40 per cent after generation of admit card/ hall tickets and balance payment after successful conduct of recruitment tests and handing over of the results by C-DAC to the Commission.

the specific lease terms have not been disclosed under Schedule 24 – Significant Accounting Policies as the rent paid by the CAQM is almost 43 *per cent* of the total utilised grants for the financial year 2024-25. This omission is not in compliance with the disclosure requirements of Accounting Standard (AS) 19 – Leases, which mandates that significant lease arrangements, including lease terms, should be disclosed.

3. As per Rule 238(1) of the GFRs, in the case of non-recurring grants, the Utilisation Certificate (UC) must be submitted by the grantee institution or organisation within twelve months of the end of the financial year. Failure to comply may result in the Ministry/Department blacklisting the institution from receiving future grants or financial support. In accordance with Rule 238(2), for recurring grants, release of funds for the subsequent financial year shall be made only after submission of the UC for the previous year. Moreover, disbursement of more than 75 *per cent* of the sanctioned amount is subject to the receipt of both the UC and the audited annual statement for the previous year, to the satisfaction of the Ministry/Department concerned.

Scrutiny of records relating to position of outstanding UCs, revealed that UCs for the grants amounting to ₹52.05 lakh released during 2022-23 to 2023-24 were outstanding as on 31 March 2025..

#### **A. Management Letter**

Deficiencies which have not been included in this Separate Audit Report have been brought to the notice of the Management through a Management Letter issued separately for remedial/corrective action.

#### **B. Assessment of Internal Controls**

##### **(i) Adequacy of Internal Control System**

**Non-maintenance of Register of Grants:** As per rule 234 of GFR 2017, a Register of Grants shall be maintained by the sanctioning authority in the format given in Form GFR - 21. CAQM had released grants amounting to ₹43.29 lakh during the period 2024-25 to various Institutions/Organisations, however, no register of grants has been maintained by CAQM. Similar observation was pointed out in previous reports also, however, no remedial action has been taken by CAQM in this regard.

**(ii) Adequacy of Internal Audit System:** Internal Audit of the Commission was required to be conducted by the internal audit wing of Principal Pay & Accounts Office of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), New Delhi. Internal Audit of CAQM has not been conducted for the financial year 2024-25 by the PAO, MoEFCC.



(iii) **System of Physical Verification of Fixed Assets:** It was observed that physical verification for the period 2024-25 was conducted by the In-charge, General Administration, who is also heading the store. It is recommended that a Committee may be constituted to conduct the physical verification of Fixed Assets. Further, proper identification numbers have not been mentioned on some Fixed Assets, which are essential for accurate accounting, tracking, and disposal processes.

**(iv) System of Physical Verification of Inventory:**

(a) Physical verification of stock & consumables items has been conducted for the financial year 2024-25.

(b) Physical verification of library has not been conducted for the financial year 2024-25.

(v) **Regularity in Payment of Statutory dues:** It was noticed that the Commission has made payment of penalty of ₹0.07 lakh incurred due to delay in payment of statutory obligations. The Commission had no statutory dues outstanding for more than six months from the due date during 2024-25.

(vi) **Other matters relating to functioning of the entity:** Nil

**C. Grant in aid**

Out of the grant-in-aid of ₹22.45 crore received during the year, the organisation could utilise a sum of ₹21.12 crore leaving a balance of ₹1.33 crore as unutilised grant as on 31 March 2025.

*U. Prasad*  
15/11/2025

Director General of Audit  
Central Expenditure  
(Environment and Scientific Departments)



DGA(ESD)/No./365

Dated:


17 NOV 2025

**Management Letter**

इस कार्यालय के पत्र दिनांक 01.08.2025 के द्वारा Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas के 31.03.2025 को समाप्त वित्तीय वर्ष से संबंधित वार्षिक लेखों पर Separate Audit Report जारी कि गई थी। लेखापरीक्षण के दौरान मिली विसंगति पर आपका ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहूंगा तथा निवेदन करूंगा कि इनकी समीक्षा करने के पश्चात निम्नांकित बिन्दु पर उचित उपचारात्मक कार्यवाही की जाए:-

1. It was observed that only ₹14.59 lakh out of ₹32.27 lakh expenditure incurred during 2023-24 was booked under Schedule-7- Current Liabilities in financial year 2023-24. The balance amount of ₹17.68 lakh was booked in financial year 2024-25 by CAQM, resulting in overstatement of expenditure and understatement of prior period expenses by ₹17.68 lakh each.
2. An amount of ₹1.13 lakh pertaining to financial year 2024-25 was paid in May-June 2025 which was neither booked as expenditure in financial year 2024-25 nor provisioned in the annual accounts of financial year 2024-25, resulting in understatement of expenditure by ₹1.13 lakh as well as understatement of liabilities by the same extent in the financial statements of financial year 2024-25.
3. The accounting policy of the Schedule of Significant Accounting Policies does not fulfil the disclosure requirements as prescribed in AS 15.

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<b>FORM A</b> (See rule 3(1)) <b>Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas</b> <b>Balance Sheet As at 31st March 2025</b> (Amount Rs.)				
	Particulars	Schedules	Current Year	Previous Year
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	<b>CORPUS or CAPITAL FUND and LIABILITIES</b>			
1	Corpus or Capital Fund	1	3,89,39,919	4,38,29,764
2	Reserves and Surplus	2	-	-
3	Earmarked/Endowment Funds	3	-	-
4	Secured Loans and Borrowings	4	-	-
5	Unsecured Loans and Borrowings	5	-	-
6	Deferred Credit Liabilities	6	-	-
7	Current Liabilities and Provisions	7	1,56,10,935	1,22,39,459
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5,45,50,854</b>	<b>5,60,69,224</b>
	<b>ASSETS</b>			
1	Fixed Assets	8	4,06,52,998	4,29,80,152
2	Investments - From Earmarked or Endowment Funds	9	-	-
3	Investments - Others	10	-	-
4	Current Assets, Loans and Advances	11	1,38,97,856	1,30,89,071
5	Miscellaneous Expenditure (to the extent not written of or adjusted)		-	-
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5,45,50,854</b>	<b>5,60,69,224</b>
	Significant Accounting Policies	24		
	Contingent Liabilities and Notes on Accounts	25		
	NOTES ON ACCOUNTS FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS			
Note: All Schedules to Balance Sheet shall form part of Account.				
Place: New Delhi Date:				

  
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 सहाय सचिव / Deputy Secretary  
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FORM B [See rule 3(1)] Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Income and Expenditure account for the year ended at 31st March 2025 (Amount Rs.)				
	Particulars	Schedule	Current Year	Previous Year
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	<b>INCOME</b>			
	Income From Services	12	-	-
	Grants or Subsidies	13	21,12,46,869	16,29,13,427
	Fees or Subscriptions	14	-	-
	Income from Investments (Income on invest. from earmarked or endow funds transferred to funds).	15	-	-
	Income from Royalty, Publications etc.	16	-	-
	Interest Earned	17	-	-
	Other Income	18	-	-
	Increase / (decrease) in Stock in Finished Goods and Work in progress	19	-	-
	<b>TOTAL (A)</b>		<b>21,12,46,869</b>	<b>16,29,13,427</b>
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
	Establishment Expenses	20	4,47,00,014	2,75,53,399
	Other Administrative Expenses etc.	21	16,01,91,562	12,17,83,076
	Expenditure on Grants, subsidies etc.	22	43,28,636	1,15,68,672
	Interest	23	6,772	28
	Depreciation	8	69,09,729	71,51,572
	<b>TOTAL (B)</b>		<b>21,61,36,714</b>	<b>16,80,56,747</b>
	<b>a. Balance being excess of Income over Expenditure (A-B) =</b>		<b>(48,89,845)</b>	<b>(51,43,320)</b>
	i. Transfer to Special Reserve (Specify each)		-	-
	ii. Transfer to or from General Reserve		-	-
	<b>b. Balance being Surplus (Deficit) carried to Corpus or Capital fund</b>		<b>(48,89,845)</b>	<b>(51,43,320)</b>
	Significant Accounting Policies	24		
	Contingent Liabilities and Notes on Accounts	25		

Note All Schedules to Income and Expenditure Account shall form part of Account.


Place: New Delhi  
Date:

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FORM C [See rule 3(1)] Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Receipt and Payment Account for the year ended at 31st March 2025 (Amount Rs.)			
	Particulars	Current Year	Previous Year
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
1	<b>Opening Balance</b>		
a.	Cash in Hand	10,000	7,229
b.	Cash at Bank		
	Operational Account		
	- Current Account	-	-
	- Deposit Account	-	-
	- Saving Account	1,06,80,817	1,05,39,216
2	<b>Grants or Subsidies Received</b>		
a.	From Govt. of India		
	- Grants: General	16,04,50,000	13,50,00,000
	- Grants: Salary	5,33,80,000	2,81,00,000
b.	From States Govt.		
c.	From other sources	9,580	65,688
	Income from Services	-	-
3	<b>Income on Investment From</b>		
a.	Earmarked or Endowment Funds	-	-
b.	Own Funds (Other Investments)	-	-
4	<b>Interest Received</b>		
a.	On Bank Deposit	4,31,259	7,71,391
b.	On Loans and Advances	-	-
5	<b>Other Income (Specify)</b>	-	-
6	<b>Amount Borrowed</b>	-	-
7	<b>Any Other Receipts (Specify)</b>	-	-
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,49,61,656</b>	<b>17,44,83,524</b>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
1	Establishment expenses	4,44,95,012	2,75,53,399
2	Administrative Expenses	16,21,64,588	13,38,95,524
3	Operational Expenses		
4	<b>Payment made against funds for various projects</b> (Name of the fund or project should be shown along with the particulars of payment made for each project)	-	-
5	<b>Investment and Deposit Made</b>		
a.	Earmarked/ Endowment Funds	-	-
b.	Own Funds (Other Investments)	-	-

  
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6	<b>Expenditure on Fixed Assets and Capital Work-in-Progress</b>		
a.	On Fixed Assets	45,97,607	14,61,116
b.	On Capital Work-in-Progress	-	-
7	<b>Refund of Surplus Money or Loans</b>		
a.	To the Govt. of India	-	-
b.	To the States Government	-	-
c.	To other providers of Funds	-	45,561
8	<b>Finance Charges (Interest)</b>	250	28
9	<b>Other Payments</b>	4,40,839	8,37,079
10	<b>Closing Balance</b>		
	Cash in Hand	-	10,000
	Cash at Bank		
	Operational Account		
	- Current Account	-	-
	- Deposit Account	-	-
	- Saving Account	-	-
		1,32,63,360	1,06,80,817
		<b>22,49,61,656</b>	<b>17,44,83,524</b>
Place: New Delhi			
Date:			

  
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<b>Schedule 1</b> [See Form A] <b>Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas</b> <b>Corpus or Capital Fund</b> Schedules Forming Part of Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025 (Amount Rs.)		
Particulars	Current Year	Previous Year
(1)	(2)	(3)
Balance as at the beginning of the year	4,38,29,764	2,43,29,550
Add: Contributions towards Corpus / Capital fund	-	2,46,43,534
Add: or (Deduct): Balance of net income or (expenditure) transferred from the Income and Expenditure Account	(48,89,845)	(51,43,320)
Amount Refundable to Govt.	-	-
<b>AT THE YEAR END</b>	<b>3,89,39,919</b>	<b>4,38,29,764</b>

<b>Schedule 2</b> [See Form A] <b>Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas</b> <b>Reserves and Surplus</b> Schedules Forming Part of Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025 (Amount Rs.)			
Particulars		Current Year	Previous Year
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Capital Reserve		
	As per last Accounts	-	-
	Addition- During the year	-	-
	Less- Deduction during the year	-	-
2	Revaluation Reserve		
	As per last Accounts	-	-
	Addition- During the year	-	-
	Less- Deduction during the year	-	-
3	Special Reserve		
	As per last Accounts	-	-
	Addition- During the year	-	-
	Less- Deduction during the year	-	-
4	General Reserve		
	As per last Accounts	-	-
	Addition- During the year	-	-
	Less- Deduction during the year	-	-
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

  
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Schedule 3 [See Form A] Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Earmarked or Endowment Funds Schedules Forming Part of Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025 (Amount Rs.)						
Particulars		Fund Wise Break up			Total	
		Fund XX	Fund YY	Fund ZZ	Current Year	Previous Year
(1)	(2)				(3)	(4)
1	<b>Opening balance of the funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
2	<b>Additions to the Funds:</b>					
a.	Donations or grants	-	-	-	-	-
b.	Income from investments made on account of funds	-	-	-	-	-
c.	Other additions (specify nature)	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total (1+2)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
3	<b>Utilization or Expenditure towards objectives of funds</b>					
a.	<b>Capital Expenditure</b>					
	- Fixed Assets	-	-	-	-	-
	- Others Total	-	-	-	-	-
b.	<b>Revenue Expenditure</b>					
	Salaries, Wages and allowances etc.	-	-	-	-	-
	Rent, Rates & Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
	Other Administrative Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>TOTAL (C)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>NET BALANCE AS AT THE YEAR-END (a + b - c)</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<p><b>Notes</b> Disclosures shall be made under relevant heads based on conditions attaching to the grants. Plan Funds received from the Central/State Governments are to be shown as separate Funds and not to be mixed up with any other Funds.</p>						

  
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Schedule 4 [See Form A] Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas			
Secured Loans and Borrowings			
Schedules Forming Part of Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025			
(Amount Rs.)			
Particulars		Current Year	Previous Year
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Central Government	-	-
2	State Government (Specify)	-	-
3	Financial Institutions		
a.	Terms Loans	-	-
b.	Interest accrued and due	-	-
4	Banks		
a.	Term Loans	-	-
b.	Interest accrued and due	-	-
c.	Other Loans (specify)	-	-
	Interest accrued and due	-	-
5	Other Institutions and Agencies	-	-
6	Debentures and bonds	-	-
7	Others (Specify)	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		-	-
Note: Amounts due within one year			

  
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Schedule 5 [See Form A] Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas			
Unsecured Loans and Borrowings			
Schedules Forming Part of Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025			
(Amount Rs.)			
Particulars		Current Year	Previous Year
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Central Government	-	-
2	State Government (Specify)	-	-
3	Financial Institutions		
a.	Terms Loans	-	-
b.	Interest	-	-
4	Banks		
a.	Term Loans	-	-
b.	Interest	-	-
c.	Other Loans (specify)	-	-
	Interest	-	-
5	Other Institutions and Agencies	-	-
6	Debentures and bonds	-	-
7	Fixed Deposits	-	-
8	Others (Specify)	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		-	-
Note: Amounts due within one year			
Schedule 6 [See Form A] Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas			
Deferred Credit Liabilities			
Schedules Forming Part of Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025			
(Amount Rs.)			
Particulars		Current Year	Previous Year
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Acceptances secured by hypothecation of capital equipment and other			
1	assets	-	-
2	Others	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		-	-
Note: Amounts due within one year			

  
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Schedule 7 [See Form A] Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas			
Current Liabilities and Provisions Schedules Forming Part of Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025			
(Amount Rs.)			
Particulars	Current Year	Previous Year	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
1. <b>Acceptances</b>	-	-	
2. <b>Sundry creditors:-</b>			
a. For Goods	-	-	
b. Others	21,26,597	14,59,231	
3. <b>Advances Received</b>			
4. <b>Interest accrued but not due on:</b>			
a. Secured Loans or borrowings	-	-	
b. Unsecured Loans or borrowings	-	-	
5. <b>Statutory Liabilities:</b>			
a. Overdue	-	-	
b. Others	17,520	1,00,000	
6. <b>Other Current Liabilities</b>			
- Payable to Ministry	1,32,48,328	1,06,80,228	
<b>TOTAL (A)</b>	<b>1,53,92,445</b>	<b>1,22,39,459</b>	
<b>PROVISIONS</b>			
1. For Taxation	-	-	
2. Gratuity	-	-	
3. Superannuation or Pension	-	-	
4. Accumulated Leave Encashment	-	-	
5. Trade Warranties or Claims	-	-	
6. Leave Salary Payable	-	-	
7. Others (specify)			
- Audit Fee	2,18,490	-	
<b>TOTAL (B)</b>	<b>2,18,490</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>TOTAL (A+B)</b>	<b>1,56,10,935</b>	<b>1,22,39,459</b>	

  
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**Schedule B**  
(See Form A)  
**Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas**  
**Fixed Assets**  
Forming Part of Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

DESCRIPTION	RATE OF DEPRECIATION	GROSS BLOCK			DEPRECIATION			NET BLOCK		
		COST AS AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	ADDITIONS DURING THE YEAR	DEDUCTIONS OF ADJUSTMENTS DURING THE YEAR	COST AT THE YEAR END	AS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	DURING THE YEAR	TOTAL UPTO THE YEAR END	AS AT THE CURRENT YEAR END	AS AT THE PREVIOUS YEAR END
<b>A. FIXED ASSETS</b>										
1. Land										
a. Freehold										
b. Leasehold										
2. Buildings:										
a. Freehold										
b. Leasehold										
c. Ownership Flat/Premises										
d. Superstructures on Land										
3. Plant and Machinery										
4. Vehicles										
5. Electrical Fittings	10%	2,46,94,775	-	-	2,46,94,775	-	18,00,250	66,92,283	2,62,02,242	1,80,02,492
6. Furniture & Fixtures	10%	81,82,419	11,86,702	-	93,69,121	-	6,65,919	21,24,602	65,78,600	60,37,817
7. Office Equipments	15%	2,45,63,297	2,84,151	-	2,48,47,448	-	92,85,485	23,12,984	1,15,98,469	1,32,48,979
8. Computer/ Peripherals	40%	75,72,566	31,26,754	15,032	3,06,84,288	-	47,26,272	19,30,825	66,57,097	40,27,191
9. Intangible Assets	25%	11,94,266	-	-	11,94,266	-	4,03,972	1,97,574	6,01,546	5,92,720
10. Library Books	40%	11,340	-	-	11,340	-	5,897	2,177	8,074	3,266
11. Other										
<b>TOTAL Current Year</b>		<b>6,62,18,663</b>	<b>45,97,607</b>	<b>15,032</b>	<b>7,08,01,238</b>	<b>15,032</b>	<b>2,32,38,511</b>	<b>69,09,729</b>	<b>3,01,48,240</b>	<b>4,06,52,998</b>
Previous Year										
<b>TOTAL(A+B)</b>		<b>6,62,18,663</b>	<b>45,97,607</b>	<b>15,032</b>	<b>7,08,01,238</b>	<b>15,032</b>	<b>2,32,38,511</b>	<b>69,09,729</b>	<b>3,01,48,240</b>	<b>4,06,52,998</b>
<b>B. CAPITAL WORK IN PROGRESS</b>										

  
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<b>Schedule 9</b> [See Form A] <b>Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas</b>  <b>Investment from Earmarked or Endowment Funds</b> Schedules Forming Part of Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025 (Amount Rs.)		
Particulars	Current Year	Previous Year
(1)	(2)	(3)
1 In Government Securities	-	-
2 Other approved Securities	-	-
3 Shares	-	-
4 Debentures and Bonds	-	-
5 Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures	-	-
6 Others (to be specified)	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	-

<b>Schedule 10</b> [See Form A] <b>Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas</b>  <b>Investments - Others</b> Schedules Forming Part of Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025 (Amount Rs.)		
Particulars	Current Year	Previous Year
(1)	(2)	(3)
1 Government Securities	-	-
2 Other approved Securities	-	-
3 Shares	-	-
4 Debentures and Bonds	-	-
5 Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures	-	-
6 Others (to be specified)	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	-

  
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Schedule 11 [See Form A] Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Current Assets, Loans Advances etc Schedules Forming Part of Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025 (Amount Rs.)			
Particulars		Current Year	Previous Year
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
1	Inventories		
	1) Stores and Spares	-	-
	2) Loose Tools	-	-
	3) Stock in Trade		
	a) Finished Goods	-	-
	b) Work in Progress	-	-
	c) Raw Material	-	-
2	Sundry Debtors		
(ii)	Debts Outstanding for a period exceeding six months	-	-
(iii)	Others	-	-
3	Cash balances in hand (including cheques or drafts and imprest)	-	10,000
4	Bank Balances :		
a.	With Schedule banks		
	On Current Account	-	-
	On Deposit Account	-	-
	On Saving Accounts	1,32,63,360	1,06,80,817
b.	With Non-Schedule banks		
	On Current Account	-	-
	On Deposit Account	-	-
	On Saving Accounts	-	-
5	Post Office - Savings Accounts	-	-
6	Others		
	- Stationery & Consumables in hand	5,49,075	5,15,864
<b>TOTAL (A)</b>		<b>1,38,12,435</b>	<b>1,12,06,681</b>
<b>LOANS, ADVANCES AND OTHER ASSETS</b>			
1	Loans to :		
a.	Staff	-	-
b.	Other Entities engaged in activities or objectives similar to that of the Entity	-	-
c.	Other (specify)	-	-
	<b>Advances and other amount recoverable in cash or in kind or for value to be received:</b>		
a.	On Capital Account	-	-

  
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b. Prepayments	-	-
c. Security Deposits	-	-
d. Others	-	-
- Advances to Vendors/ Employees	85,421	18,82,390
<b>3 Income Accrued</b>		
a. On Investments from Earmarked or Endowment Fund	-	-
b. On Investments-others	-	-
c. On Loans and Advances	-	-
d. Others (includes income due unrealized Rs)	-	-
4 Claims Receivable	-	-
<b>TOTAL (B)</b>	<b>85,421</b>	<b>18,82,390</b>
<b>TOTAL (A+B)</b>	<b>1,38,97,856</b>	<b>1,30,89,071</b>


<b>Schedule 12</b> [See Form B] <b>Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas</b> <b>Income from Services</b> Schedules Forming Part of Income & Expenditure as at 31st March 2025 (Amount Rs.)		
<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
(1)	(2)	(3)
(4)		
1 Professional or Consultancy Services	-	-
2 other (Specify)	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	-

<b>Schedule 13</b> [See Form B] <b>Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas</b> <b>Grants/ Subsidies</b> Schedules Forming Part of Income & Expenditure as at 31st March 2025 (Amount Rs.)		
<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Previous Year</b>
(1)	(2)	(3)
(4)		
1 Central Government		
- Revenue	21,12,46,869	16,29,13,427
- Capital	-	-
2 State Government(s)	-	-
3 Government Agencies	-	-
4 Institutions or Welfare Bodies	-	-
5 International Organisations	-	-
6 Others (Specify)	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,12,46,869</b>	<b>16,29,13,427</b>

  
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Schedule 14 [See Form B] Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Fees/ Subscriptions Schedules Forming Part of Income & Expenditure as at 31st March 2025 (Amount Rs.)				
Particulars		Current Year	Previous Year	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
1	Entrance Fees	-	-	
2	Filing Fees	-	-	
3	Seminar or Program Fees	-	-	
4	Consultancy Fees	-	-	
5	Others (Specify)	-	-	
<b>TOTAL</b>		-	-	
Note - Accounting Policies towards each item are to be disclosed				
Schedule 15 [See Form B] Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Income From Investments Schedules Forming Part of Income & Expenditure as at 31st March 2025 (Amount Rs.)				
Particulars	Investment from Earmarked Fund		Investment - Other	
	Current Year	Previous Year	Current Year	Previous Year
(1)	(2)		(3)	(4)
1	<b>Interest</b>			
a.	On Govt. Securities	-	-	-
b.	Other Bonds or Debentures	-	-	-
2	<b>Dividends</b>			
a.	On Shares	-	-	-
b.	On Mutual Fund Securities	-	-	-
3	Others (Specify)	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		-	-	-
TRANSFERRED TO EARMARKED or ENDOWMENT FUNDS				

  
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<b>Schedule 16</b> [See Form B] <b>Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas</b> Income from Royalty, Publications etc. Schedules Forming Part of Income & Expenditure as at 31st March 2025 (Amount Rs.)			
Particulars		Current Year	Previous Year
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Income from Royalty	-	-
2	Income from Publications	-	-
3	Others (specify)	-	-
TOTAL		-	-

<b>Schedule 17</b> [See Form B] <b>Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas</b> Interest Earned Schedules Forming Part of Income & Expenditure as at 31st March 2025 (Amount Rs.)			
Particulars		Current Year	Previous Year
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	<b>On Term Deposits:</b>		
a.	With Scheduled Banks	-	-
b.	With Non-Scheduled Banks	-	-
c.	With Institutions	-	-
d.	Others	-	-
2	<b>On Savings Accounts:</b>		
a.	With Scheduled Banks	-	-
b.	With Non-scheduled Banks	-	-
c.	Post Office Savings Accounts	-	-
d.	Others	-	-
3	<b>On Loans:</b>		
a.	Employees/Staff	-	-
b.	Others	-	-
4	<b>Interest on Debtors and Other Receivables</b>	-	-
TOTAL		-	-

Note - Tax deducted at source to be indicated

  
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<b>Schedule 18</b> [See Form B] <b>Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas</b>  <b>Other Income</b> Schedules Forming Part of Income & Expenditure as at 31st March 2025 (Amount Rs.)		
Particulars	Current Year	Previous Year
(1)	(2)	(3)
1 Profit on Sale or disposal of Assets:		
a. Owned assets	-	-
b. Assets acquired out of grants, or received free of cost	-	-
2 Liquidated Damages, penalty realized	-	-
3 Fees for Miscellaneous Services	-	-
4 Rent	-	-
5 Miscellaneous Income	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	-

<b>Schedule 19</b> [See Form B] <b>Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas</b>  <b>Increase or (Decrease) in Stock of Finished Goods and Work in Progress</b> Schedules Forming Part of Income & Expenditure as at 31st March 2025 (Amount Rs.)		
Particulars	Current Year	Previous Year
(1)	(2)	(3)
1 Closing Stock		
a. Finished Goods	-	-
b. Work in Progress	-	-
2 Less: Opening Stock		
a. Finished Goods	-	-
b. Work in Progress	-	-
<b>NET INCREASE or (DECREASE) [1-2]</b>	-	-

  
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Schedule 20 [See Form B] Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas		
Establishment expenses Schedules Forming Part of Income & Expenditure as at 31st March 2025		
(Amount Rs.)		
Particulars	Current Year	Previous Year
(1)	(2)	(3)
(1)	(2)	(4)
1 Salaries and Wages	3,78,91,646	2,21,04,155
2 Overtime Allowance	-	-
3 Allowances and Bonus	15,53,044	25,71,839
4 Medical Treatment	-	-
5 Tuition fee reimbursement	57,378	-
6 Domestic Travel expenses	3,95,468	-
7 Foreign Expenses	-	-
8 Contribution to NPS	31,39,379	20,35,549
9 Contribution to Gratuity Fund	-	-
10 Leave Salary Pension Contribution	16,63,099	8,00,521
11 Expenses on Employees' Retirement and Terminal Benefits	-	-
12 Contribution to Other Fund (specify)	-	-
13 Staff Welfare Expenses	-	-
14 Others (specify)	-	-
- Contribution Towards Medical Facility	-	41,335
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,47,00,014</b>	<b>2,75,53,399</b>

  
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Schedule 21 [See Form B] Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Other Administrative Expenses Schedules Forming Part of Income & Expenditure as at 31st March 2025			
		(Amount Rs.)	
Particulars	Current Year	Previous Year	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Purchases	-	-
2	Labour and processing expenses	-	-
3	Cartage and Carriage Inwards	-	-
4	Electricity and power	22,19,112	23,34,218
5	Water charges	3,49,912	2,83,536
6	Insurance	-	-
7	Repairs and Maintenance	1,21,50,162	66,67,866
8	Excise Duty	-	-
9	Rent, Rates and Taxes	9,03,05,903	7,34,01,756
10	Vehicles Running, Maintenance or Hiring charges	48,90,164	40,81,250
11	Postage, Telephone and Communication Charges	33,49,647	10,82,269
12	Printing and Stationery	21,41,690	15,31,011
13	Travelling and Conveyance Expenses	5,32,447	4,15,985
14	Expenses on Seminar or Workshops	19,87,529	10,02,712
15	Subscription Expenses	8,38,384	68,990
16	expenses of Fee	1,427	385
17	Auditors Remuneration or Legal Fee	43,57,380	16,78,976
18	Hospitality Expenses	-	-
19	Professional Charges	1,16,64,445	70,50,391
20	Books and Periodicals	2,17,882	1,75,947
21	Recruitment Expenses	-	-
22	Provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts or Advances	-	-
23	Irrecoverable Balances return off	-	-
24	Packing Charges	-	-
25	Freight and Forwarding Expenses	-	-
26	Distribution Expenses	-	-
27	Advertisement and Publicity	13,590	76,024
28	Legal Charges	-	-
29	Payment to Contractual Staff ( MTS, Office Boys, etc.)	2,41,68,682	2,12,20,229
30	Others (to be specified)		
	- Medical Reimbursement	4,97,589	1,42,361
	- Store & Consumables	4,82,947	5,10,134
	- Office Expenses	22,670	59,036
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,01,91,562</b>	<b>12,17,83,076</b>

  
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<b>Schedule 22</b> [See Form B] <b>Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas</b>  <b>Expenditure on Grants, Subsidies Etc.</b> Schedules Forming Part of Income & Expenditure as at 31st March 2025 (Amount Rs.)				
Particulars			Current Year	Previous Year
(1)	(2)		(3)	(4)
1 Grants given to Institutions or Organisations			43,28,636	1,15,68,672
2 Subsidies given to Institutions or Organisations			-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>43,28,636</b>	<b>1,15,68,672</b>
Note : Name of the Entities, their Activities along with the amount of Grants/subsidies are to be disclosed.				
<b>Schedule 23</b> [See Form B] <b>Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas</b>  <b>Interest</b> Schedules Forming Part of Income & Expenditure as at 31st March 2025 (Amount Rs.)				
Particulars			Current Year	Previous Year
(1)	(2)		(3)	(4)
1 Interest				
a. On Fixed Loans			-	-
b. On Other Loans (including Bank Charges)			-	-
c. Others (specify)			-	-
- Interest on Statutory Dues			6,522	
2 Bank Charges			250	28
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>6,772</b>	<b>28</b>

  
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## SCHEDULE - 24

### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1. ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

The financial statements are prepared on the basis of historical cost convention, unless otherwise stated and on the accrual method of accounting.

#### 2. INVESTMENTS

Investments classified as "long term investments" are carried at cost. Provision for decline, other than temporary, is made in carrying cost of such investments. Investments classified as "Current" are carried at lower of cost and fair value. Provision for shortfall on the value of such investments is made for each investment considered individually and not on a global basis. Cost includes acquisition expenses like brokerage, transfer stamps.


#### 3. FIXED ASSETS


Fixed Assets are stated at cost of acquisition inclusive of inward freight, duties and taxes and incidental and direct expenses related to acquisition. In respect of projects involving construction, related pre-operational expenses (including interest on loans for specific project prior to its completion) and from part of the value of the assets capitalized.

Fixed Assets received by way of non-monetary grants, (other than towards the Corpus Fund), are capitalized at values stated, by corresponding credit to Capital Reserve.

#### 4. DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided on written down value method as per rates specified in the Income-tax Act, 1961 except depreciation on cost adjustments arising on account of conversion of foreign currency liabilities for acquisition of fixed assets, which is amortized over the residual life of the respective assets.

  
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**SCHEDULE - 25**

**CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND NOTES  
ON ACCOUNTS**

**1. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

Claims against the Entity not acknowledged as debts - Rs. NIL (Previous year Rs. N.A.)

In respect of:

- Bank guarantees given by/on behalf of the Entity -Rs. NIL (Previous year Rs. N.A.).

- Letters of Credit opened by Bank on behalf of the Entity -Rs. NIL (Previous year Rs. N.A.).

- Bills discounted with banks Rs. NIL (Previous year Rs. N.A.).

Disputed demands in respect of Income Tax, Sales Tax and Municipal Tax.

In respect claims from parties for non-execution of orders, but contested by the Entity - Rs. NIL (Previous year Rs. N.A.).

The Commission has a future obligation to pay the sanctioned amount for various research & training programmes, subject to fulfillment of certain terms & conditions. Therefore, it has been treated as contingent liability against which liability may arise to pay in future. Following are the respective programmes:

1 Research on Air Quality Management	_____NIL_____
2 Training	_____NIL_____
Total	_____NIL_____

**2. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

Estimated value of contracts remaining to be executed on capital account and not provided for (net of advances) Rs. NIL (Previous year Rs. N.A.).

  
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**3. LEASE OBLIGATIONS**

Future obligations for rentals under finance lease arrangements for plant and machinery amount to Rs. NIL (Previous year Rs. N.A.).

**4. CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS AND ADVANCES**

- (i) In the opinion of the Management, the current assets, loans and advances have a value on realization in the ordinary course of business, equal at least to the aggregate amount shown in the Balance Sheet.
- (ii) Loans and advances paid up to the F.Y. ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 to various Govt. Departments, staff & others of Rs. 85,421/- are adjustable against expenses and under settlement by concern department.

**5. TAXATION**

In view of there being no taxable income under Income-tax Act 1961, no provision for Income tax has been considered necessary.

**6. FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS**

Value of Imports calculated on C.I.F Basis: N.A.

- Purchase of finished Goods
- Raw Materials & Components (Including in transit)
- Capital Goods
- Stores, Spares and Consumables Expenditure in foreign currency:
- Travel
- Remittances and Interest payment to Financial Institutions/ Banks in Foreign Currency
- Other expenditure:
- Commission on Sales

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- Legal and Professional Expenses

- Miscellaneous Expenses

- Earnings

**Value of Exports on FOB basis**

**7. Remuneration to auditors:**

As Auditors

- Taxation matters NIL

- For Management services NIL

- For certification NIL

- Others NIL

**8.** Corresponding figures for the previous year have been regrouped/ rearranged, wherever necessary.

**9.** Schedules 1 to 25 are annexed to and form an integral part of the Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date.

**10.** Mr. Narmada Prasad Shukla was relieved from his duties on 3rd December 2024. He was in possession of a laptop that had been issued to him for official use. Upon his relieving, Mr. Shukla opted to retain the said laptop and remitted an amount of ₹28,994/- towards its cost. The said amount was deposited with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) before 31st March 2025.

  
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**Reply to Actionable Points in the Separate Audit Report 2024-25**

The Commission submitted authenticated Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure Account, Receipt & Payment Account, accompanying Schedules forming part of Balance Sheet and the Notes on Accounts to DG (Audit) Environment & Scientific Departments of CAG on 30.06.2025.

Statutory Audit team deployed to the Commission by Office of DG (Audit) Environment & Scientific Departments to conduct audit of the accounts of the Commission for the Financial Year 2024-25, commenced the audit on 07.07.2025 and completed on 18.07.2025. The Special Audit Report in respect of the Audited Annual Account Statement containing Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure Account, Receipt & Payment Account, accompanying Schedules forming part of Balance Sheet and the Notes on Accounts have been received. Point wise reply to the Special Audit Report are as follows;

S. No.	Observation by Audit Team	Reply by CAQM
A.	<b>Balance Sheet</b>	
1.	<b>Assets</b>	
1.1	<b>Current Assets</b>	
1.1.1	<b>Understatement of advances</b>	
(i)	An amount of ₹7.13 lakh was paid by CAQM during the financial year 2024-25 for various services, out of which ₹5.18 lakh pertained to the advance payments for Financial Year 2025-26. Instead of booking ₹5.18 lakh as advance under 'Current Assets Loans, Advances etc.' - Schedule -11, CAQM booked it as expenditure for the year 2024-25 (Schedule-21). This had resulted in understatement of Advances by ₹5.18 lakh and overstatement of expenditure by the same extent. Consequently, Deficit is also overstated by same amount.	Observation has been noted for compliance from the next financial year onwards.
(ii)	CAQM had awarded the work of Recruitment of the staff to C-DAC, Delhi (December 2023) with a total cost of Rs. 30.00 lakh. The Commission had made the final stage payment amounting to Rs. 9.44 lakh to C-DAC Delhi without getting the said work completed (March 2025) and booked the same as expenditure for the year 2024-25 (Schedule-21). This has resulted in understatement of Advances ('Current Assets Loans, Advances etc.' Schedule-11) by Rs. 9.44	As per the terms and conditions of the work order dated 04.12.2023, the balance payment was to be released after the successful conduct of the Recruitment Test and the handing over of the results by C-DAC to the Commission. However, due to the case in respect of the Accountant post pending before the CAT (Principal Bench), the Commission requested C-

	lakh and overstatement of Expenditure by the same extent. Consequently, deficit is also overstated by Rs. 9.44 lakh. This resulted understatement of assets and overstatement of expenditure both by Rs. 9.44 lakh.	DAC to withhold the result for the said post, even though C-DAC was ready to provide the complete result. Accordingly, the balance payment to C-DAC was released on March 31, 2025 in accordance with agreed terms & conditions.
<b>A.</b>	<b>General</b>	
1.	Non-Provisioning of Terminal Benefits- CAQM had mentioned terminal benefits towards gratuity and leave encashment in its accounting policy but did not make any provision for 'Terminal Benefits' viz. Gratuity, Accumulated Leave Encashment' of its officers/officials despite having regular appointed personnel. Therefore, the accounting policy is not aligned with the actual provisioning of retirement benefit.	Observation has been noted for future compliance.
2.	Under Schedule 24 Significant Accounting Policies' Point 11, lease rentals are expensed with reference to the lease terms. CAQM has paid ₹9.03 crore as rent during the year. However, the specific lease terms have not been disclosed under Schedule 24 – Significant Accounting Policies as the rent paid by the CAQM is almost 43% of the total utilised grants for the financial year 2024-25. This omission is not in compliance with the disclosure requirements of Accounting Standard (AS) 19 – Leases, which mandates that significant lease arrangements, including lease terms, should be disclosed.	Observation has been noted for future compliance from the next financial year onwards.
3.	As per Rule 238(1) of the GFRs, in the case of non-recurring grants, the Utilisation Certificate (UC) must be submitted by the grantee institution or organisation within twelve months of the end of the financial year. Failure to comply may result in the Ministry/Department blacklisting the institution from receiving future grants or financial support. In accordance with Rule 238(2), for recurring grants, release of funds for the subsequent financial year shall be made	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During 2022-23- Rs 92.48 lakh were released, out of this Rs 74.4 lakhs were utilized by the implementing agencies and UCs are available with CAQM (Annexure I).</li> <li>• During 2023-24- Rs 115.69 lakhs were released, out of this Rs 81.7 Lakhs were utilized by the implementing agencies and UCs are available with CAQM (Annexure II).</li> <li>• CAQM released total grant of Rs 208.17 lakh, out of which UCs for total grant of Rs 156.10 lakh were received</li> </ul>

	<p>only after submission of the UC for the previous year. Moreover, disbursement of more than 75 per cent of the sanctioned amount is subject to the receipt of both the UC and the audited annual statement for the previous year, to the satisfaction of the Ministry/Department concerned.</p> <p>Scrutiny of records relating to position of outstanding UCs, revealed that UCs for the grants amounting to ₹ 52.05 lakh released during 2022-23 to 2023-24 were outstanding as on 31 March 2025.</p>	<p>and pending UCs are only for Rs 52.07 lakh. Utilizations are on the basis of R &amp; D work and project period, therefore pending UCs along with progress report will be collected by the CAQM, when next instalment is due for sanction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CAQM reviews project progress and releases the next installment after submission of the UC by the PI to ensure utilization of grant for the intended purpose for which it was sanctioned. Pending UCs will be submitted by the PIs to the CAQM before the release of the next installment which will be submitted during next audit.</li> </ul>
A.	<b>Management Letter</b>	NIL
B.	Assessment of Internal Controls	
(i)	Adequacy of internal control system	
	Following deficiencies in relation to internal control system were observed in audit: -	
a.	<p><b>Non-maintenance of Register of Grants:</b> As per rule 234 of GFR 2017, a Register of Grants shall be maintained by the sanctioning authority in the format given in Form GFR - 21. CAQM had released grants amounting to ₹ 43.29 lakh during the period 2024-25 to various Institutions/ Organizations, however, no register of grants has been maintained by CAQM. Similar observation was pointed out in previous reports also, however, no remedial action has been taken by CAQM in this regard.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per previous audit observation, the R &amp; D section of CAQM has maintained grant details as per Form GFR-21 in statement layout and submitted before audit, however Audit observed that a permanent physical register in the format of GFR-21 is not maintained.</li> <li>Therefore, in compliance to audit observation, physical Register of Grant has been created. Further the register shall be maintained and placed before next audit for inspection.</li> </ul>
(ii)	<p><b>Adequacy of Internal Audit System:</b> Internal Audit of the commission was required to be conducted by the internal audit wing of Principal Pay &amp; Accounts Office of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&amp;CC), New Delhi. Internal Audit of CAQM has not been conducted for the period 2024-25 by the PAO, MoEF&amp;CC.</p>	<p>A request letter has been sent on 19.08.2025 to Principal Pay &amp; Accounts Officer, Internal Audit Wing, MoEF&amp;CC to conduct Internal Audit.</p>
(iii)	<p><b>System of Physical verification of fixed assets:</b> It was observed that physical verification for the financial year 2024-25 was conducted by the In-charge General Administration who is also heading the store. It is recommended that a</p>	<p>Labelling of all fixed assets has been completed. Some labels may have been damaged due to operational wear and tear; however, all labels will be properly reaffixed with correct identification</p>

	Committee may be constituted to conduct the physical verification of Fixed Assets. Further, proper identification numbers have not been mentioned on some Fixed Assets, which are essential for accurate accounting, tracking, and disposal processes.	numbers. A Committee has been constituted to conduct the physical verification of Fixed Assts.
(iv)	System of Physical verification of Inventory	
a.	Physical verification of stock & consumables items has been conducted for the financial year 2024-25	It is only for reporting purpose.
b.	Physical verification of library has not been conducted for the financial year 2024-25.	Observation has been noted for compliance from the next financial year onwards.
(v)	<p><b>Regularity in payment of statutory dues:</b> It was noticed that the Commission has made payment of penalty of ₹ 0.07 lakh incurred due to delay in payment of statutory obligations.</p> <p>The Commission had no statutory dues outstanding for more than six months from the due date during 2024-25.</p>	It is only for reporting purpose.
(vi)	Other matters relating to functioning of the entity.	
C.	<b>Grant in Aid</b>	
	Out of the grants in aid of ₹ 22.45 crore received during the year, the organization could utilize a sum of ₹21.12 crore leaving a balance of ₹1.33 crore as unutilized grant as on 31 March 2025.	It is only for reporting purpose.



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