

Amendment to Direction No. 88

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Subject : Amendment to Direction No. 88 dated 23.04.2025 regarding Strict restrictions on entry of transport/commercial goods vehicles (LGVs/MGVs/HGVs) to below BS-VI standards into the NCT of Delhi w.e.f. 01.11.2025 - reg.

WHEREAS, the Commission with a view to abate air pollution caused by high volume of transport/commercial goods vehicles entering into Delhi, in exercise of its powers conferred under Section 12(1) of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021, issued Statutory Direction No. 88 dated 23.04.2025, directing for a strict ban on entry of all transport/commercial goods vehicles viz. LGVs, MGVs and HGVs, other than BS-VI, CNG, LNG and EVs, into the NCT of Delhi w.e.f. 01.11.2025 except such vehicles registered in Delhi;

WHEREAS, such non-BS-VI compliant transport/ commercial goods vehicles, carrying essential commodities / providing essential services were permitted to enter Delhi, but only for a limited period up to 31.10.2026, beyond which such goods / services will also have to be catered only through CNG / LNG / EV / BS-VI diesel vehicles;

WHEREAS, to review the preparedness for implementation of the said direction, a series of meetings were held with all stakeholders viz., Transport Department, GNCTD, MCD, NHAI, MoRTH and Transport Department of NCR States, wherein issues were raised regarding non-availability of adequate arrangement for returning such non-compliant vehicles, which may lead to congestion at border entry points. It was



also intimated that about 40% of the total goods vehicles entering Delhi carry the essential items/supplies;

WHEREAS, in addition, a number of representations have also been received from various transport associations/ entities highlighting their difficulties;

WHEREAS, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) through an application, IA No. 281109 of 2024 in WP (C) No. 13029 of 1985 titled as M.C. Mehta Vs. UoI & Ors., approached the Hon'ble Supreme Court, *inter alia*, seeking following relief:

“a) Remove the exemption granted to commercial vehicles carrying Essential Commodities viz. Vegetables, Fruits, Milk, Grains, Egg., Ice (to be used as food item), Poultry Items, Salt & Empty/Partial laden vehicles from ECC in pursuance to this Hon'ble Courts Order dated 09.10.2015.”

WHEREAS, the Hon'ble Supreme Court considered the matter on 26.09.2025, wherein the MCD highlighted that on account of the exemption granted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide Order dated 09.10.2015, serious difficulties are being faced in as much as vehicles are required to be stopped at check-posts for the purpose of verification as to whether they are carrying essential commodities or not. It was further submitted that owing to such requirement, vehicles remain stopped for a long time, thereby causing continuous emission of smoke and contributing to air pollution.

WHEREAS, the Hon'ble Supreme Court observing that the difficulty pointed out appears to be genuine, *vide* Order dated 26.09.2025, *inter alia*, noted as under:

“4. It is indeed difficult to find out a mechanism to verify from the outside as to what goods are being carried in such vehicles. As



such, all vehicles are required to be stopped at check-posts and subjected to physical verification, which results in prolonged stoppages and aggravates the problem of air pollution.

5. In any case, the levy imposed is not of such a high nature as would adversely affect the prices to be paid by the common consumers.

6. In that view of the matter, we are inclined to allow the said application in terms of prayer clause(a).”

WHEREAS, the Commission also recognizes the critical need to address decongestion at border entry points and the high-emission caused due to congestion of commercial goods vehicles at border check points. In this regard, it is pertinent to note that Direction No. 88 dated 23.04.2025 permits non-BS-VI compliant transport/ commercial goods vehicles, carrying essential commodities / providing essential services to enter Delhi, for a limited period up to 31.10.2026, which would necessitate checking of vehicles at border entry points for essential commodities / services;

WHEREAS, in view of operational challenges at border entry points and considering the requirement of ensuring continuity of essential commodities/ services, it is considered appropriate to permit all BS-IV compliant commercial goods vehicles to enter into NCT of Delhi up to 31.10.2026. However, BS-III and below standard commercial goods vehicles are required to be restricted from entering into NCT of Delhi, owing to their significantly higher pollution potential and adverse impact on air quality. The extension for BS-IV vehicles is also limited to one year, as a transitional measure;

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the aforementioned decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court lifting the exemption granted under the Order dated 09.10.2015 to commercial vehicles carrying essential commodities, and considering that physical verification at border check

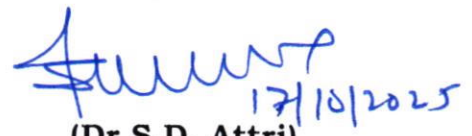


points leads to prolonged stoppages and congestion, which aggravates the problem of air pollution, the Commission in its meeting dated 17.10.2025 considered the matter and decided to amend the concluding para(s) of the Direction No. 88 dated 23.04.2025, as under:

***“NOW THEREFORE,** considering the high pollution load from commercial vehicles and all associated ill-effects of emission owing to such vehicles entering into Delhi, the Commission, hereby directs for a strict ban on entry of any commercial goods vehicle viz. LGV, MGV and HGV, other than BS-VI, CNG, LNG and EV, into Delhi **w.e.f. 01.11.2025,** except such vehicles that are registered in Delhi.*

*Provided that all BS-IV commercial goods vehicles viz. LGVs, MGVs and HGVs are permitted to enter into Delhi for a **limited period up to 31.10.2026.***

Transport Department/ Traffic Police in GNCTD and the NCR States may accordingly widely disseminate this direction amongst all stakeholders and ensure strict compliance through effective implementation/enforcement measures at all border entry points to Delhi and regular monitoring/review of the same. Quarterly Reports on the action taken by the concerned agencies shall be furnished to Commission.”


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