

**COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT IN
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND ADJOINING AREAS
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Dated: 23.04.2025

Subject: Directions under Section 12 of Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021 for liquidation of large fleet of End-of-Life vehicles from Delhi-NCR - reg.

WHEREAS, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 3 of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act 2021, has constituted the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (hereinafter referred to as the Commission);

WHEREAS, under Section 12 (l) of the Act, the Commission is vested with powers to take all such measures, issue directions, etc., as it deems necessary or expedient for the purpose of protecting and improving the quality of the air in the National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas;

WHEREAS, Section 12 (2) (ix) of the Act empowers the Commission to issue directions in writing to any person, officer, or any authority and such person, officer or authority shall be bound to comply with such directions;

WHEREAS, Section 12(2) (v) of the Act also empowers the Commission to impose restrictions and regulate operations or processes that have implications on air quality in the region;

WHEREAS, it needs no emphasis that contribution from the transport sector to the overall air pollution load in the entire NCR is significantly high and as a part of the air pollution control efforts concerning this sector, liquidation of a large fleet of End-of-Life (EOL) vehicles, which belong to the

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vintage of highly polluting vehicles to BS-III/ BS-II standards, would need to be prioritized;

WHEREAS, the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, taking note of the adverse contribution to the air quality in NCR from this sector, in its order dated 07.04.2015, *inter alia*, directed that diesel vehicles above 10 years old and petrol vehicles above 15 years old shall not be permitted to ply in the NCR. The Hon'ble Supreme Court while ratifying the order passed by Hon'ble NGT also directed vide its order dated 29.10.2018 that such EoL vehicles shall not ply in NCR;

WHEREAS, the concerns regarding running of such EoL vehicles in NCR have been repeatedly expressed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India in review meetings held on 23.01.2023, 26.04.2023, 25.05.2023 and 28.06.2023. The Committee of Secretaries, chaired by the Cabinet Secretary, in its meeting held on 17.01.2024 also expressed concern on very slow progress in this context. The concern on high number of EoL vehicles still running in Delhi-NCR has also been expressed continually in the meetings of the High-Level Task Force for management of air pollution in Delhi and NCR held on 13.10.2023 and the recent meetings held on 23.09.2024 and 10.10.2024 respectively;

WHEREAS, quarterly reports are being called for from the GNCT of Delhi and the NCR States, *inter alia*, on the status of liquidation of EoL vehicles, impounding of such vehicles found to be plying on the roads in clear violation of the statutes and subsequent disposal of such vehicles as per extant guidelines, including scrapping at the RVSF centers. This important subject regularly features in the review meetings held from time to time in the Commission with the Transport, Traffic and other Departments concerned in the NCR States and GNCTD;

WHEREAS, despite the above noted orders, directions and guidelines on the subject, there has been limited progress, thereby leaving a lot to be

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desired from the concerned authorities in the GNCTD and NCR States, as is also evident from the following tabulation:

Region in NCR	Delhi	Haryana	UP	Rajasthan
Estimated population of overaged vehicles (as in March, 2025)	61,14,728	27,50,152	12,69,598	6,20,962
Overaged vehicles impounded in 2023	22,397	220	3,058	389
Overaged vehicles impounded in 2024	39,273	4,021	1,934	1,107

WHEREAS, while much more intensified “on-road” drives should be taken up to guard against such overaged vehicles plying on roads or parked in public spaces, suitable technological interventions and intelligent solutions also need to be employed towards identification / detection of such EoL vehicles still plying in the NCR. The GNCT of Delhi have piloted one such innovative and effective solution envisaging Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera systems, which are in the process of being installed at all 520 fueling stations in the entire city. These cameras, besides capturing and displaying the registration details of all the vehicles that enter the premises of the fueling station, also have a provision of integration with VAHAN database and thus the status of “EoL” vehicles or vehicles without valid Pollution Under Control Certificate “PUCC” can be readily captured by the system. The system further has a provision for an audio message which is relayed in respect of such non-compliant vehicles entering the premises of the fueling station.

WHEREAS, in this light, considering the predominant contribution of the transport sector to the overall air pollution load in Delhi-NCR particularly in the winter months, an Advisory dated 11.11.2024 was issued to ensure:

- (i) All such EOL vehicles identified through the ANPR cameras at the fuel stations should be denied fuelling and more importantly, immediate legal



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(ii) action should be taken in respect of such vehicles, including impounding and further disposal in accordance with RVSF Rules, 2021 and other extant policies of the respective State Governments and the GNCTD.

(ii) NCR States / GNCT of Delhi need to launch / intensify drives against such vehicles and

(iii) NCR States to study and adopt the technological systems like the one developed by the NCT of Delhi viz., installation of ANPR Camera systems at fuelling stations. Further, traffic surveillance cameras installed on major roads which facilitate the traffic police to challan vehicles for traffic violations, may also be used for supplementing action against EOL vehicles found plying on roads. The Integrated Command Control Centres for traffic management in some cities could also help identification of EOL vehicles, using camera feeds from strategic traffic points/ intersections.

NOW THEREFORE, towards ensuring effective implementation of the orders of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal and the Hon'ble Supreme Court and with a view to abate air pollution caused by such EoL vehicles plying in Delhi-NCR, the Commission hereby directs that:

(i) The authorities concerned in the NCT of Delhi and in the NCR States shall ensure adoption of appropriate technology-based solutions like installation of ANPR Camera systems at all fueling stations in their respective territories latest by 30.06.2025 for the NCT of Delhi, latest by 31.10.2025 in all fuel stations in 5 high vehicle density (HVD) districts in NCR contiguous to Delhi viz. Gurugram, Faridabad, Ghaziabad, Gautam Budh Nagar and Sonipat and latest by 31.03.2026 for all fueling stations in the rest of NCR.

(ii) **All EoL vehicles identified through the ANPR cameras or other such systems installed at the fuel pump stations shall be denied fueling w.e.f. 01.07.2025 in the NCT of Delhi, w.e.f. 01.11.2025 in 5 HVD districts of Gurugram, Faridabad, Ghaziabad, Gautam Budh Nagar and Sonipat and w.e.f. 01.04.2026 in the rest of NCR.** Immediate legal action should be taken in respect of such EoL vehicles, including impounding and

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further disposal in accordance with RVSF Rules, 2021 and other extant policies of the respective State Governments and the GNCTD.

(iii) Traffic surveillance cameras installed on major roads which facilitate the traffic police to challan vehicles for traffic violations and the Integrated Command Control Centers for traffic management in NCR cities/districts shall also be used for supplementing action against EoL vehicles found plying on roads, using camera feeds from strategic traffic points/ intersections.

(iv) The above directions shall not apply to such vehicles which are exempted through specific Court directives or by law etc.

Transport Department of GNCTD and the NCR States may accordingly widely disseminate this direction amongst all stakeholders including fuel stations and ensure its strict compliance through effective implementation / enforcement measures.

Concerted actions initiated by all the concerned agencies towards liquidation of the large fleet of End-of-Life vehicles shall be reported to the Commission on a monthly basis.


(Arvind Nautiyal)
Member Secretary

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana, 4th Floor, Civil Secretariat, Sector – I, Chandigarh.
2. The Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh, 101, Lok Bhawan, U. P. Civil Secretariat, Vidhan Sabha Marg, Lucknow -226001.
3. The Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan, Government Secretariat, Jaipur- 302 005.
4. Chief Secretary, NCT of Delhi, Sectt, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002
5. The Director General of Police, Government of Uttar Pradesh/Haryana/Rajasthan.
6. The Commissioner of Police, Delhi.


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Copy to:

1. Secretary, MoRTH
2. Secretary, MoPNG
3. The ACS / Pr. Secretary, Transport Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh/Haryana/ Rajasthan/ NCT of Delhi.
4. The concerned Commissioner/ Jt. Commissioner of Traffic Police, Government of Uttar Pradesh/Haryana/ Rajasthan/ NCT of Delhi.
5. CMDs/MDs of Oil Companies owning/operating fuel pump stations in the NCT of Delhi and NCR States.
6. CMDs/ MDs of Gas Companies owning/operating CNG fuelling stations in NCT of Delhi and NCR States.

Copy also to:

1. The Chairperson, CAQM
2. All Members, CAQM


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