

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

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Subject: Directions under Section 12 of Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021 – Enhanced parking fee / charges for private vehicles to encourage public transport.

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

WHEREAS, under Section 12 (1) of the Act, the Commission 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, significantly high contribution from the transport sector to the overall air pollution load in the entire NCR, particularly during the winter season needs no emphasis;

WHEREAS, the ever-growing fleet of private vehicles in Delhi – NCR has been a prime contributor to the enhanced vehicular emissions in the region and such large number of private vehicles also cause traffic congestions and jams at major intersections and critical public places like markets etc.;

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WHEREAS, effective deployment and utilisation of cleaner public transport services particularly the metro and EV/ CNG city buses within Delhi-NCR would help to significantly abate air pollution from this sector;

WHEREAS, a series of meetings have been held in the Commission with the GNCTD from time to time towards encouraging cleaner public transport and rationalisation / enhancement of parking fees for private vehicles has been seen to be an effective tool towards the above stated objectives;

WHEREAS, last such exercise of fixing the parking charges was carried out many years back in Delhi, a strong need has been felt towards review / rationalisation of the extant parking charges for private vehicles;

WHEREAS, a review of such parking charges has also been called for in various review meetings for abatement of air pollution in Delhi-NCR by the Committee of Secretaries, chaired by the Cabinet Secretary;

WHEREAS, under Stage-II of the GRAP i.e., Graded Response Action Plan, which is an emergency response action plan to cater to the generally adverse air quality scenario prevailing during the winter months in Delhi-NCR, directs for enhancing parking fee to discourage private transport;

WHEREAS, despite the above noted stipulations, no revision / rationalisation / enhancement of parking fee has been carried out in Delhi, including during the periods under GRAP Stage-II and above, except for enhancement of parking charges limitedly in the NDMC jurisdiction and only for the periods of restriction under the GRAP during the winter season of 2023-24;

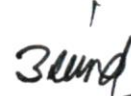
WHEREAS, a detailed Advisory in this context was also issued on 24.04.2024 towards rationalising the parking charges for private vehicles in Delhi-NCR, to be implemented by 30.08.2024. However, appropriate action by the concerned agencies is still founding wanting in this regard;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers vested upon it, the Commission, under Section 12 of the Commission for Air Quality Management

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in NCR and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021, hereby directs the urban local bodies in Delhi i.e., MCD, NDMC and DCB to comprehensively review and rationalise the parking charges for private vehicles in their respective jurisdictions and complete the exercise latest by 30.09.2024, based on the review of local area - specific integrated parking management plans and associated pricing strategies. Revision in such parking charges / rates also need to be disseminated to the public at large well in advance and implemented strictly across Delhi latest by 01.11.2024.



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