

**COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT**  
IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND ADJOINING AREAS  
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Tolstoy Marg, New Delhi-11001

F. No. A-110018/01/2021-CAQM / 282 (VS)


Dated: 25.07.2023

**Subject: Implementation and review of the updated/ revised plan of action for prevention and control of Paddy Stubble Burning in 2023**

1. WHEREAS, the 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);
2. WHEREAS, Under section 12(1) of the Act, the Commission has 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;
3. WHEREAS, Section 12 (1) 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;
4. WHEREAS, Paddy stubble burning is a matter of grave concern for air quality in NCR and the Commission has been deliberating upon the issue in a series of meetings held with major stakeholders including with the State Governments of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan, GNCTD, State Pollution Control Boards of NCR states, Punjab and Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) and knowledge institutions like Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), NGOs and civil society groups etc. working in National Capital Region and Adjoining areas;
5. WHEREAS, the Commission through Direction dated 10.06.2021 had provided a Framework to the states concerned for control/elimination of crop residue burning and directed to draw up detailed state-specific action plans, based on the major contours of the Framework;
6. WHEREAS, an advisory dated 28.07.2021 was issued from the Commission on effective *Ex-Situ* stubble management for Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh;



7. WHEREAS, the Commission through directions issued on 16.08.2021 had also advised the Government of NCR States, Government of NCT of Delhi and Government of Punjab to adopt the standard protocol developed by ISRO for the monitoring and reporting of the fire event using the Satellite data;
8. WHEREAS, the Government of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Government of NCT of Delhi had formulated the state specific action plans for prevention and control of paddy stubble burning during the paddy harvest season in 2021 and 2022;
9. WHEREAS, based on field experience and learnings during 2021 and 2022, the action plans for Punjab, Haryana and NCR UP have been revised and updated for the upcoming paddy harvest season during 2023;
10. WHEREAS, the salient features of the above noted updated action plans were presented by the representatives from Government of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh before the full Commission in its meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 and the Commission approved the respective action plans;
11. Now, THEREFORE, in view of the compelling need to control air pollution from burning of paddy straw, the Commission hereby directs the State Governments of Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh:
  - (I) To strictly and effectively implement the revised action plan, in letter and spirit, to prevent and control/ eliminate paddy stubble burning during 2023.
  - (II) To conduct frequent reviews and close monitoring of implementation of the framework/state specific plan of action at various levels as provided in the plan.
12. GNCTD and State Government of Rajasthan shall make every effort towards totally eliminating paddy stubble burning incident during the ensuing harvest season.
13. Action taken report, in compliance of the above directions, be submitted on a weekly basis to the Commission, starting from **15<sup>th</sup> September, 2023**.

  
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2. The Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Sector-1, Chandigarh-160001.

3. The Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh, 101, Lok Bhawan, U.P. Civil Secretariat, Vidhan Sabha Marg, Lucknow-226001.
4. The Chief Secretary, Government of NCT of Delhi, Delhi Secretariat, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110001.
5. The Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan, Government Secretariat, Jaipur-302005.

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3. Member Secretary, Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board.
4. Member Secretary, Delhi Pollution Control Committee.
5. Member Secretary, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board.

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The Chairperson and all Members, CAQM.

  
(Arvind Nautiyal)