



राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र और निकटवर्ती क्षेत्र  
वायु गुणवत्ता प्रबंधन आयोग  
Commission for Air Quality Management in  
National Capital Region and  
Adjoining Areas



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**ADVISORY FROM THE COMMISSION**

To,

The Addl. Chief Secretary,  
Directorate of Urban Local Bodies,  
Govt. of NCT of Delhi

The Commissioner  
Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), Civic Centre,  
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**Subject: Control and Prevention of open burning of MSW / bio-mass in Delhi particularly during winters – provision of electric heaters to security staff by RWAs.**

Sir,

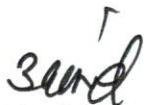
Uncontrolled burning of mixed solid waste including bio-mass (wood, twigs/ branches, dried leaves etc.) across Delhi, particularly during the winter months is a cause of concern from the standpoint of air quality and human health. Such open and uncontrolled burning, amongst others, is a major consistent source of air pollution which significantly enhances the PM<sub>2.5</sub> / PM<sub>10</sub> levels in the ambient air besides other harmful gaseous pollutants.

2. The Commission, since its inception, has issued advisories, orders and directions towards mitigating the ill-effects of such uncontrolled open burning of waste/biomass.

3. Open burning of municipal solid waste and bio-mass etc., besides at other locations, is also witnessed across residential areas and is resorted to by the security staff / other service providers, particularly in gated residential complexes across Delhi during night times in the winters for heating / warming purposes.

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4. In wake of the above noted concerns, 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 the Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) to necessarily provide electric heaters to security staff to avoid open bio-mass and MSW burning.
5. A review of the measures under GRAP from year to year however indicate the compliance to be far from satisfactory in this context and many a security staff are still found resorting to bio-mass / MSW burning for their heating / warming needs.
6. **In the above light, to significantly control open bio-mass / MSW burning and the resultant harmful emissions and in wake of the upcoming winter season, all RWAs and other residential societies need to be impressed upon to mandatorily provide electric heaters / other suitable implements to all security staff and other service staff employed by them. RWAs and residents at large also need to be actively involved in fulfilling the collective responsibility to significantly improve upon the adverse air quality which is generally witnessed in Delhi during the winter months.**
7. The Directorate of Urban Local Bodies, GNCTD and the municipal bodies are accordingly advised to sensitise and widely disseminate this requirement amongst all the RWAs in Delhi and also monitor the implementation of the same periodically, under advise to the Commission.

  
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