

Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi
Department of Environment and Forests
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F. No.10 (39)/ENV/2021/5293 to 5321

Dated: 21st November, 2021

Subject: Directions u/s 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to stop entry of trucks and close offices in Delhi, till 26th November, 2021.

Whereas, Delhi faces grave air pollution particularly in winter season and level of pollutants like Particulate Matter Concentration (PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀) goes much beyond the prescribed standards for Ambient Air Quality.

And whereas, keeping in view the deteriorating ambient air quality of the City and the unfavourable forecast on AQI levels, directions were issued to close offices of GNCT of Delhi / Autonomous Bodies / Corporations till 17.11.2021 vide order dated 13.11.2021. under section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act 1986, in public interest to curb high air pollution in Delhi.

And whereas, in pursuance of the directions in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1135 of 2020 titled as Aditya Dubey Vs. Union of India & Ors of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, on 15.11.2021, the Commission For Air Quality in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas, convened an emergency meeting on 16.11.2021 and in pursuance of the same, issued directions on 16.11.2021 under Section 12 of the Commission For Air Quality in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021 regarding steps for effective control of air pollution in wake of the prevailing poor air quality in Delhi-NCR predicted to remain till 21.11.2021.

1. Stop entry of trucks in Delhi except the trucks carrying essential commodities, till 21 November, 2021 subject to further review for extension of this date.
2. To stop construction and demolition activities in NCR till 21st November, 2021 except for the following categories of projects:
 - (a) Railway services / Railway stations
 - (b) Metro Rail corporation services, including stations
 - (c) Airports and Inter State Bus Terminals (ISBTs)
 - (d) National security/ defence related activities / projects of National importance;

subject to strict compliance of the C&D Waste Management Rules and dust control norms including compliance with the directions of the Commission.

3. NCR State Governments shall allow Work from Home (WFH) for at least 50% of their staff in offices in NCR, till 21 November, 2021 subject to further review.
4. NCR State Governments shall encourage at least 50% of staff working in private establishments in NCR are also allowed to work from home till 21 November, 2021 subject to further review.
5. All public and private Schools, Colleges and Education Institutions in NCR shall remain closed until further orders allowing only online mode of education.

And whereas, GNCTD issued directions vide order dated 17.11.2021 under section 5 of Environment (protection) Act 1986, closing all offices of GNCT of Delhi / Autonomous Bodies / Corporations till 21.11.2021 except those involved in essential and emergency services for further curbs on vehicular pollution.

And whereas, interventions through directions in larger public interest to reduce vehicular pollution such as stoppage of trucks' entry in Delhi, and stoppage of construction and demolition activities is in force till 21.11.2021 vide directions of Commission For Air Quality in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas dated 16.11.2021

And whereas, directions closing all offices of GNCT of Delhi vide GNCTD's directions dated 17.11.2021 is also in force till 21.11.2021.

And whereas, all public and private Schools, Colleges and Education Institutions in NCR are closed until further orders allowing only online mode of education vide directions of Commission For Air Quality in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas dated 16.11.2021.

And whereas, air pollution levels still are very poor, and the forecast of Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Government of India on 20.11.2021 as per their Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi predicts that the **air quality is likely to remain in Poor to Moderate category on 22.11.2021 and 23.11.2021 and the air quality for subsequent five days is also likely to remain in Poor to Lower end of Very Poor category.**

And whereas keeping in view the very poor air quality forecast and that vehicular pollution would cause extensive air pollution and release harmful air pollutants particularly when air quality is very poor and it is felt that there is a need for further extension of curbs on the vehicular movement in Delhi.



Now, therefore, in view of the above and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 read with notification No.SO667 (E) issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India dated 10.09.1992 and keeping in view the need in public interest to curb high air pollution and improve air quality in Delhi, it is hereby directed to:

1. Stop entry of trucks in Delhi except the trucks carrying essential commodities, till 26th November, 2021 subject to further review for extension of this date.
2. All offices of GNCT of Delhi / Autonomous Bodies / Corporations shall remain closed till 26th November, 2021 except those involved in essential and emergency services such as Health and Family Welfare and all related medical establishments, Police, Prisons, Home Guards, Civil Defence, Fire and emergency Services, District Administration, DPCC, Environment Department, Pay & Account Office, Electricity, PWD, I&FC, Water and Sanitation, Public Transport (Air / Railways/ Delhi Metro / Buses) including all incidental services / activities that are essential for smooth functioning of all modes of public transport (such as handling of cargo, ticketing, air freight station, CFS, ICD etc.), disaster management and related services, NIC, and Municipal services, and all other essential services. The uninterrupted delivery of public services shall be ensured by the concerned departments /agencies. However, all the officers / officials shall work from home.
3. All private offices / establishments are advised to allow their staff to work from home, so as to ensure least vehicular movement on the roads till 26th November, 2021.

All Heads of Departments/organizations and local bodies, District Magistrates and District Deputy Commissioners of Police as well as all Authorities concerned shall implement the aforesaid directions in letter and spirit.

The violation of the directions issued under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 or the rules made there under shall be punishable under Section 15 of the said Act which includes imprisonment upto five years and / or with fine which may extend to Rs. One Lakh or with both.

**By order and in the name of the
Lieutenant Governor of National Capital Territory of Delhi**


(Sanjeev Khirwar)
Pr. Secretary (Environment)

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8. Secretary (I&P) for wide publicity in NCT of Delhi
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