

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
6th Level, C-Wing, Delhi Secretariat, New Delhi-110002

NOTIFICATION

F.No.10(39)/ENV/2021/7281-99

Dated: 17-12-2025

Subject: Directions u/s 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to only provide fuel to vehicles on production of valid Pollution under Control Certificate, restriction on entry of vehicles registered outside of Delhi and below BS-VI category during restriction on vehicles carrying Construction materials during GRAP Stage IV (Severe+).

Whereas Delhi faces grave air pollution particularly in winter season and level of pollutants like Particulate Matter Concentration (PM2.5 and PM10) goes much beyond the prescribed standards for Ambient Air Quality.

And whereas, the whole Union Territory of Delhi has been declared as an Air Pollution Control area, under the sub section (1) of section 19 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 vide notification no. GSR 106 (E) dated 20.02.1987.

And whereas, as per the Comprehensive study on air pollution and greenhouse gases 2015 conducted by IIT Kanpur, vehicles contribute about 19.7% of PM10 and 25.1% of PM2.5 in winters and about 6.4% to PM10 and 8.5% to PM2.5 in summers. Further, vehicles contribute to about 18% of CH4 emissions, 92% of N2O emissions and 30% of CO2 emissions in the City, based on annual emissions. Vehicles are one among the top 4 contributors of tCO2e emission with a contribution of 32%, based on annual emissions.

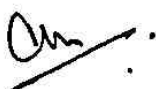
And whereas, as per the same study, construction materials contribute about 3.1% of PM10 and 1.5% of PM2.5 in winters and about 4.1% to PM10 and 3% to PM2.5 in summers.

And whereas, the Commission For Air Quality Management (CAQM) in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas, in exercise of its powers conferred upon it under section 12 of Commission For Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas Act 2021 has issued revised Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) on 21.11.2025, which defines four stages of adverse air quality in Delhi viz. Stage I-Poor (AQI 201-300), Stage II-Very Poor AQI (301-400), Stage III-Severe (AQI 401-450), and Stage IV-Severe + (AQI > 450) respectively.

And whereas, CAQM has invoked actions under GRAP Stage IV (Severe +) with effect from 13.12.2025, mandating stringent control measures including restrictions on vehicular movement and construction activities;

And whereas, CAQM, vide Order dated 21.11.2025 on Implementation of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) has directed for following actions when GRAP Stage IV is in place:

- 1. Stop entry of truck traffic into Delhi (except for trucks carrying essential commodities/ providing essential services).**



2. *Enforce strict ban on plying of Delhi - registered diesel operated BS-IV and below Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) in Delhi, except those carrying essential commodities / providing essential services.*

3. *Ban C&D activities, as in the GRAP Stage- III, also for linear public projects such as highways, roads, flyovers, overbridges, power transmission, pipelines, tele-communication etc.*

Now, therefore, in view of the above and keeping in view prevailing ambient air quality in the City, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 read with notification No. SO 667 (E) issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India dated 10.09.1992, and in larger public interest, the following directions are hereby issued, applicable only during the invoking of **GRAP Stage IV (severe+)**, by **CAQM**:

1. Enforcement of PUC Requirement

All petrol, diesel and CNG retail outlets in the National Capital Territory of Delhi shall dispense fuel only to motor vehicles on production of a valid Pollution Under Control Certificate (PUC). All vehicles, identified through ANPR or otherwise, found without a valid Pollution Under Control Certificate taking petrol from the petrol pumps should be duly penalised.

Verification of PUC may be carried out through physical certificates, ANPR and/or electronic verification systems including VAHAN or any other centralized database, wherever applicable.

2. Entry Restriction on Vehicles registered outside Delhi

All motor vehicles registered outside the National Capital Territory of Delhi and below BS-VI emission standards shall not be permitted to ply in Delhi during the operation of GRAP Stage IV (severe+), except Vehicles running on CNG or Electric power, public transport, vehicles carrying essential commodities or providing essential services.

3. Restriction on Vehicles Carrying Construction Materials

During GRAP Stage IV (severe+), no vehicles carrying construction materials, including but not limited to sand, aggregates, stone, bricks, cement, ready-mix concrete, debris or similar materials, shall be permitted to enter the National Capital Territory of Delhi. Any vehicle found carrying construction materials during GRAP IV should be heavily penalised/seized as per the prevalent rules.

4. Exemptions

The provisions of this notification shall not apply to:

- Emergency vehicles on sovereign duty such as ambulances, fire tenders, and police vehicles;
- Vehicles carrying essential commodities or providing essential services, as notified by the competent authority.



5. Implementation and Enforcement

The Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, Indraprastha Gas Limited, Reliance Industries Limited (Reliance Petroleum), all other petrol/diesel/CNG pumps/ stations/ retail outlets, Department of Food Supplies and Consumer Affairs, GNCTD, Transport Department, GNCTD, Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Delhi Traffic Police shall ensure strict compliance with these directions in letter and spirit.

6. Commencement, Re-Invocation and Validity

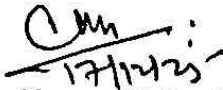
These directions shall come into force automatically upon announcement and invoking of GRAP Stage IV (severe+), by the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), as applicable, and shall remain in force till such stage is withdrawn or modified by CAQM.

Further, upon any subsequent announcement or re-invocation of GRAP Stage IV by CAQM, the aforesaid directions shall automatically come into force without issuance of any separate order or notification.

7. Penal Provisions

Any violation of these directions shall be punishable under Section 15 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, or under any other applicable law for the time being in force.

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


(Vijay Kumar Bidhuri)
Secretary of Environment & Forest,
Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi

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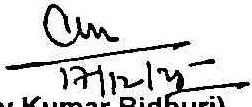
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2. Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Delhi
3. Additional Chief Secretary-cum-Commissioner, Food Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, GNCTD
4. Commissioner, Department of Transport, GNCTD
5. Chairman, Indian Oil Corporation Limited
6. Chairman and Managing Director, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited
7. Chairman and Managing Director, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
8. Chairman, Reliance Industries Limited (Reliance Petroleum)

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1. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, GNCTD.
2. Secretary, Urban Development Department, GNCTD.
3. Secretary (Environment and Forest), GNCTD.

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5. Vice Chairman, Delhi Development Authority.
6. Secretary, GAD: with request to circulate to all GNCTD depts.
7. Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, GNCTD.
8. Member Secretary, Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas.
9. Staff Officer to Chief Secretary, Delhi.
10. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister (Environment), GNCTD.
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