

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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Sub.: Implementation of Actions under Stage-IV ('Severe+' Air Quality) of revised Graded Response Action Plan in Delhi-NCR- steps to be taken.

The Sub-Committee for invoking actions under the GRAP in its earlier meetings had invoked actions under Stage I, Stage II and Stage III of the GRAP on October 5, 2022, October 19, 2022 and October 29, 2022 respectively.

The sub-Committee in its meeting held on November 3, 2022 further reviewed the air quality scenario in the region as well as the forecasts for meteorological conditions and air quality index of Delhi.

As per the forecast, the AQI in Delhi is likely to be in 'Severe+/Severe' category in next couple of days owing to calm wind and stable atmospheric conditions. Therefore, in an effort to prevent further deterioration of the air quality, the sub-committee decided that ALL actions as envisaged under Stage IV of the GRAP – 'Severe +' Air Quality (DELHI AQI >450), be implemented in right earnest by all the agencies concerned, with immediate effect in the NCR, in addition to the actions under Stage I, Stage II and Stage III of the GRAP.

These include:

- Stop entry of truck traffic into Delhi (except for trucks carrying essential commodities/ providing essential services and all CNG / electric trucks).
- 2. Ban on plying of Delhi registered diesel operated Medium Goods Vehicles (MGV) and Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV) in Delhi, except those carrying essential commodities / providing essential services.
- Ban on plying of 4-wheeler diesel LMVs in NCT of Delhi and Districts of NCR bordering Delhi, except BS-VI vehicles and vehicles used for essential / emergency services.
- 4. Close down all industries in NCR, even in areas which do not have PNG infrastructure and supply but still running on fuels, other than the fuels as per the Standard list of approved fuels for NCR.

Note: Industries like milk & dairy units and those involved in manufacturing of life saving medical equipments / devices, drugs and medicines shall however be exempted from the above restrictions.

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- 5. Ban C&D activities in linear public projects such as highways, roads, flyovers, over bridges, power transmission, pipelines etc.
- 6. NCR State Governments / GNCTD to decide on allowing public, municipal and private offices to work on 50% strength and the rest to work from home.
- 7. Central Government may take a decision on permitting work from home for central government offices.
- 8. State Governments may consider additional emergency measures like closure of schools/ colleges/ educational institutions, closure of non-emergency commercial activities and plying of vehicles on odd-even basis etc.

Further, citizens may be urged to adhere to the citizen charter and assist in effective implementation of the GRAP measures aimed towards sustaining and improving the Air Quality in the region, as under:

 Children, elderly and those with respiratory, cardiovascular, cerebrovascular or other chronic diseases to avoid outdoor activities and stay indoors, as much as possible.

All implementing agencies are advised that actions under **Stage 'II'** and **Stage 'III'** of the GRAP are further intensified and special drives are conducted for implementation of actions under **Stage 'IV'**.

There is a likelihood of improvement in Air Quality from November 6, 2022 onwards owing to favorable Wind Speed and Direction, which at presently is dominantly North-Westerly. The Sub-Committee shall again review the Air quality scenario on November 6, 2022 and take appropriate decision on GRAP measures to be taken thereafter.

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