



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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Dated: 14th November, 2022

ORDER

Sub.: Revocation of actions under Stage III ('Severe' Air Quality) of GRAP and intensifying actions under Stage-I & II of revised Graded Response Action Plan

The Sub-Committee for operationalization of the revised GRAP in its earlier meetings had invoked actions under Stage I, Stage II, Stage III and Stage IV of the GRAP vide orders dated October 5, 2022, October 19, 2022, October 29, 2022 and November 3, 2022 respectively. Further, Sub-Committee in its review meeting held on 06.11.2022, revoked the actions under Stage-IV ('Severe+' Air Quality) of GRAP after considering the improvement in air quality of Delhi and AQI forecast of subsequent days.

2. The Sub-Committee in its meeting held on November 14, 2022 further reviewed the air quality scenario in the region as well as the IMD/IITM forecasts for meteorological conditions and air quality index of Delhi and observed as under:

AQI of Delhi has been progressively improving from the levels of 346 ('Very Poor') on 11.11.2022 and on 14th November, 2022, has been recorded as 294 ('Poor') which is about 100 AQI points below the threshold for invoking the GRAP Stage-III actions (Delhi AQI 400-450) and preventive/ mitigative/ restrictive actions under all Stages up to Stage-III are underway, there is a likelihood of sustaining the improvement in AQI. The forecast by IMD/ IITM also do not indicate any steep degradation.

3. The Sub-Committee, accordingly, hereby decides to revoke with immediate effect its order dated 29th October, 2022, for invoking actions under Stage-III ('Severe' Air Quality) of the GRAP.

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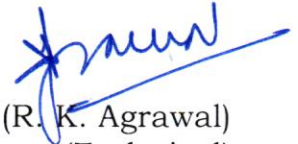
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4. Actions under Stages-I to Stage-II of the GRAP shall however remain invoked and be implemented, monitored and reviewed by all agencies concerned in the entire NCR to ensure that the AQI levels do not slip further to the 'Severe' category. All implementing agencies shall keep strict vigil and especially intensify measures under Stage-I & II of GRAP which include the following:

- Mechanical/vacuum-based sweeping of roads to be carried out on a daily basis.
- Ensure water sprinkling along with use of dust suppressants regularly on roads to arrest road dust especially at hotspots, heavy traffic corridors, vulnerable areas (before peak hours) and proper disposal of dust collected in designated sites/landfills.
- Regular inspection and strict enforcement of dust control measures at C&D sites and enforcement of direction on use of Ani-Smog guns.
- Do not allow coal / firewood including in Tandoors in Hotels, Restaurants and open eateries.
- Ensure hotels, restaurants and open eateries use only electricity/ clean fuel gas-based appliances
- Enhance Parking fees to discourage private transport
- Regulated use of DG Sets except for the emergent and essential services.

5. C & D project sites and industrial units which have been issued specific closure orders on account of violations/ non-compliances of various statutory directions, rules, guidelines etc. under no circumstances shall resume their operations without any specific order to this effect from the Commission.

6. The sub-Committee, shall be keeping a close watch on the air quality scenario and considering the likelihood of low wind speeds after a few days, will review the situation on 18.11.2022 for further appropriate decision depending upon the air quality in Delhi and forecast made by IMD/IITM.



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