



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



F. No. A110018/01/2021/CAQM/402(DT) Dated: 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

**ORDER**

**Subject: Wood as fuel for industrial and other applications in NCR - permissibility regarding.**

The Commission through various statutory directions viz. Direction No. 53, 62 and 63 dated 04.02.2022, 17.03.2022 and 18.05.2022 respectively had permitted bio-mass fuels for industrial applications in NCR, beyond the jurisdiction of the NCT of Delhi.

2. In furtherance of the above noted directions, statutory Direction No. 65 dated 23.06.2022 was issued directing for implementing a standard list of approved fuels for NCR for various applications including industrial uses.

3. "Biomass Fuels" as referred to in the above noted directions, in the broader sense, comprise of all type of biomass which could be utilised for deriving suitable calorific value for various applications and include agricultural crop residue, straw, husk etc. Further, wood processed wastes such as wooden chips, waste wood, saw dust etc. have also been permitted under the broader category of biomass fuels.

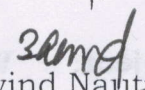
4. It has, however, been reported during inspections of industrial units in NCR, beyond GNCTD, that wooden logs / wood blocks etc. are being used as fuel for industrial applications, in the garb of "Biomass Fuels". **It needs to be particularly taken note by all concerned that "Wood" per-se is not an approved fuel for industrial application as per Direction No.-65, dated 23.06.2022 issued by the Commission. Wood is an approved fuel limitedly for religious purposes and use in crematoria.**

5. It is accordingly reiterated that use of wood as industrial fuel may be stopped immediately henceforth, failing which such units shall face closure besides strict penal action. All enforcement agencies may please give wide publicity to this Order of the Commission and ensure compliance.

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6. CTO of such units which intend to use the approved biomass fuels be also amended by the respective State Pollution Control Boards at the earliest, duly specifying the use of biomass fuels and the associated emission standards stipulated by the Commission for such biomass fuels, in the CTO.

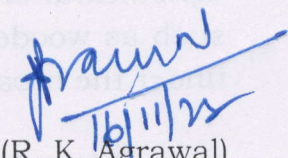
  
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Member - Secretary

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4. Member Secretary, Delhi Pollution Control Committee.

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