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**ORDER**

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

The Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and adjoining areas, vide Direction No. 77 dated 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2023, issued statutory direction for implementation of the revised schedule of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) as and when orders under GRAP were to be invoked. The same is also available on the CAQM website (caqm.nic.in).

Presently all actions upto Stage-III of the GRAP are already in force in NCR w.e.f. 02.11.2023.

The Sub-Committee constituted for invoking actions under the GRAP in its meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 comprehensively reviewed the air quality scenario in the region as well as the forecasts for meteorological conditions and air quality index made available by IMD/IITM.

The Sub-Committee noted that the AQI of Delhi has been increasing since yesterday and is now in Severe+ category. Forecast from IITM and IMD also do not suggest any chances of improvement in the current situation and the AQI is likely to remain in Severe+ category for coming days.

The Sub-Committee observed that at 4:00 PM of 04.11.2023 the average AQI for Delhi was recorded as 415, which was on rising trend since yesterday and on 05.11.2023 around 02:00 PM, the AQI was at 461 and at 04:00 PM the average AQI for Delhi stood at 454. The AQI is expected to remain in Severe+ category further, owing to the highly unfavorable meteorological and climatic conditions.

Keeping in view the prevailing trend of air quality, 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 i.e., 'Severe+' category (DELHI AQI >450) be implemented in right earnest by all the agencies concerned in the NCR, with immediate effect, in addition to the stage I, II and III actions already in force.

These include:

1. Stop entry of truck traffic into Delhi (except for trucks carrying essential commodities/ providing essential services and all LNG/ CNG / electric trucks).

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