



A-19014/45/Comm. AQM-NCRAA/2020-21

November 11, 2020

Order

Sub.: Deterioration in Air Quality in Delhi-NCR- steps to be taken - reg.

The Commission on Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas, in its meeting held on 10.11.2020, decided that in view of deteriorating air quality in NCR region, there is a need to invoke the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) already notified by Central Govt. and entrusted the task of operationalizing and monitoring the GRAP measures to Central Pollution Control Board, till a mechanism is set up by the Commission.

Accordingly, Central Pollution Control Board has reviewed air quality and meteorological scenario, it has been observed that PM_{2.5} concentration in Delhi NCR exceeded 300µg/m³ at 19.00 hours on 8th November, 2020 and persisted for more than 48 hours at 19.00 hours on 10th November, 2020. However, a declining trend was observed since 12.00 hours of 10th November, 2020 and PM_{2.5} concentration is now below 300µg/m³ since 5.00 hours of 11th November, 2020.

Currently, the AQI is in Very Poor category and as per Air Quality Forecast of 11th November, 2020 for Delhi City by Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune, Ministry of Earth Science, air quality over Delhi NCR is likely to improve and stay in upper end of very poor category during the day and tomorrow. However, air quality may deteriorate marginally and remain in upper end of Very Poor to Severe category on November 13, 2020.

In view of above and considering likely increase in activities during festive season, following actions are to be ensured by implementing agencies:

- Hot mix plants and stone crushers shall remain closed all the time till November 17, 2020.
- Frequency of mechanized cleaning of roads and water sprinkling to be increased particularly on the road stretches with high dust generation potential.
- It shall be ensured that guidelines/standard operating procedures for dust mitigation at construction sites are strictly adhered to. In case of violations, strict action should be taken against the violators like imposition of penalty/ temporary stoppage of construction activities.
- The states of Punjab and Haryana must take immediate stringent actions to curb stubble burning. Biomass burning in Delhi and other NCR towns must also be strictly checked.
- Agencies must ensure compliance of orders of Hon'ble Courts and National Green Tribunal regarding banning of sale and use of firecrackers.

The order shall come into force with immediate effect.


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