



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

Order

Sub.: Upliftment of ban on DG sets as was enforced by EPCA vide its letter no. EPCA-R/2020/L-43 dated 14 October, 2020

This is further to the directions on the implementation of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) on January 12, 2017.

EPCA, after considering the advise of the Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan, had banned the use of diesel generator sets (other than essential/emergency services) in Delhi and in vicinity towns, i.e. Ghaziabad, Noida, Greater Noida, Faridabad, and Gurugram from 15 October, 2020 onwards vide its letter no. EPCA-R/2020/L-43 dated 14 October, 2020. On constitution of Commission on Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas in pursuance to the ordinance dated 28 October, 2020, EPCA has been dissolved. Further, as per the direction of the Commission on Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas dated 10 November, 2020, CPCB has been authorized to operationalize and monitor GRAP.

As per the forecast received air quality in Delhi-NCR is expected to be better in the coming days due to improved ventilation conditions.

Based on this forecast and prediction, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has decided that the ban on use of diesel generator sets in Delhi-NCR is lifted with effect from today.

However, following measures need to be prioritized to ensure better air quality:

1. State Pollution Control Boards/Pollution Control Committees to ensure that large construction sites are adhering to prescribed norms/guidelines and taking adequate measures for dust management.
2. Implementing agencies to be more vigilant, and ensure quick actions including on redressal of complaints on SAMEER and other Social media platforms to curb polluting activities.
3. Implementing agencies to continue to take stringent actions with emphasis on hotspots.

4. Waste (C&D debris, plastic waste, MSW) dumped on open land and roadside must be cleared.
5. Strictly enforce all pollution control regulations in brick kilns and industries.
6. Strictly enforce/stop garbage burning in landfills and other places.
7. Strictly enforce pollution control in thermal power plants through PCB monitoring
8. Do periodic mechanized sweeping and water sprinkling on roads with heavy traffic and unpaved roads
9. Strict vigilance and no tolerance for visible emissions – stop plying of visibly polluting vehicles by impounding or heavy fine.

The order shall come into force with immediate effect. You are also requested to ensure that steps are taken to ensure compliance.


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Chairman

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