

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION: SCHOOL BRANCH
OLD SECRETARIAT: DELHI-110054

No. DE.23 (28)/Sch.Br./2021/639

Dated: 21.11.21

CIRCULAR

Sub: Closure of Schools till Further Orders.

The Department of Environment, GNCTD vide order F. NO. 10 (13)/ENV/2020/Pt-2/5214- 5243 dated: 17th November, 2021 (Copy enclosed) has directed to close all the Schools with immediate effect till further orders of the Commission For Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas.

Therefore, in pursuance of the above mentioned order, all the Govt., Govt. Aided, Unaided Recognized, NDMC, MCDs and Delhi Cantonment Board Schools will remain closed till further orders. However, Online teaching learning activities and the examinations for Board classes would be conducted as per guidelines issued earlier vide Circular No. DE.23 (28)/Sch.Br./2021/637 dated 14.11.2021.

All the Heads of Schools are hereby directed to disseminate this information among students, staff members, SMC members and parents.

This issues with prior approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl.: As above.


21/11/21

(Dr. Rita Sharma)
Addl. DE (School)

All the Heads of Schools of Delhi through DEL-E

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Copy to:-

1. PA to Pr. Secretary (Education).
2. PA to Director (Education).
3. All Directors (Education) of MCDs, NDMC and CEO of Delhi Cantonment Board to issue similar directions.
4. All RDEs, DDEs (Districts/Zones) to ensure compliance.
5. OS (IT) to please paste it on the website.
6. Guard File.


21/11/2021

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F. No. 10 (13)/ENV/2020/Pt-2/5214-5243

Dated: 17th November, 2021

Sub:- Intensive actions and steps for effective control of air pollution in wake of the prevailing air quality scenario in Delhi - regarding.

WHEREAS, the Commission For Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas, constituted by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 3 of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021, has been highlighting that Road dust, dust from Construction and Demolition sites, Industrial Pollution, Vehicular Pollution, agricultural stubble burning, burning of biomass/ municipal solid waste, bursting of fire crackers etc. and unfavorable meteorological conditions in Delhi NCR particularly during the winter season are the major contributing factors for deterioration of air quality in the region.

WHEREAS, the Commission has repeatedly taken up the matter relating to air pollution in NCR with Government of NCT of Delhi and various organizations concerned and has issued Directions, Advisories and conveyed decisions for effective implementation of measures for abating air pollution in NCR region.

WHEREAS, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India heard the Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1135 of 2020 titled as Aditya Dubey Vs. Union of India & Ors. on 15.11.2021 and 17.11.2021 over the air quality situation in Delhi and in respectful compliance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 15.11.2021, eighth Meeting of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas was convened in an emergent mode on 16.11.2021, to consider taking further and more stringent steps to effectively control air pollution in identified sectors viz. construction activities, industries, transport, thermal power plants, stubble burning etc. and also for consideration of "Work From Home" by State Governments for their offices in the NCR.

WHEREAS, in compliance of Hon'ble Supreme Court orders, the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas, in exercise of its powers conferred upon it under Section 12(2) (xi) of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act 2021 directed measures on Industrial Pollution, Vehicular Pollution / Transport ,Dust Control Measures, DG Sets and encouraging Work From Home (WFH) to further ease vehicular pollution to be implemented strictly with immediate effect.

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the facts stated above and the compelling need to improve the air quality in Delhi, the Competent Authority in Government of NCT of Delhi hereby directs the following actions to be implemented in letter and spirit under the strict supervision of the concerned heads of departments/authorities as indicated below:-

S. No.	Directions to be implemented	Responsible Officers/Departments
1	<p><u>Industrial Pollution</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All Industries having gas connectivity shall be run only on gas as a fuel failing which Industries concerned shall be closed. 2. Not permit any industry to use unapproved fuels. All industries still using unapproved fuels shall be closed with immediate effect. 3. All Industries where gas connectivity is available shall immediately be shifted to gas. 4. Concerned departments shall further set up effective enforcement mechanism including intensive and continuous drives by deputing adequate number of teams consisting of senior officers to monitor compliance of air pollution emission control norms by Industrial Units and for suitable penal action and / or closure. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chairman, NDMC 2. Chairman, DPCC 3. Commissioner, North Delhi Municipal Corporation 4. Commissioner, South Delhi Municipal Corporation 5. Commissioner, East Delhi Municipal Corporation 6. Commissioner, Industries Department 7. MD, DSIIDC 8. CEO, BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. 9. CEO, BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd. 10. CEO, Tata Power Delhi Distribution 11. CEO, DJB 12. CEO, Delhi Cantonment Board and all concerned Departments.
2	<p><u>Vehicular Pollution/ Transport</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stop entry of trucks in Delhi except the trucks carrying essential commodities, till 21 November, 2021 subject to further review for extension of this date. 2. Plying of diesel and petrol vehicles of more than 10 and 15 years respectively in NCR is a serious matter and the authorities shall ensure that no vehicles of more than 10 years and 15 years using diesel and petrol respectively are found plying on road. 3. Stop plying of visibly polluting vehicles and vehicles without PUC. Checks for PUC may be 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chairman, NDMC 2. Commissioner, Delhi Police 3. Commissioner, Transport Department 4. CMD, DTC 5. Commissioner, North Delhi Municipal Corporation 6. Commissioner, South Delhi Municipal Corporation 7. Commissioner, East Delhi Municipal Corporation 8. CEO, Delhi Cantonment Board, and concerned Departments.

	<p>primarily carried out at the petrol pumps so as to obviate congestion on free roads.</p> <p>4. Deploy traffic task-force teams to closely monitor all busy traffic. Intersections, busy market areas, unauthorized parking lots etc. and take every possible step towards ensuring smooth flow of traffic and avoiding congestion.</p> <p>5. To expeditiously procure and put on road adequate number of CNG buses at the earliest.</p>	
3.	<p>Dust Control Measures</p> <p>1. To stop construction and demolition activities in NCR till 21st November, 2021 except for the following categories of projects:</p> <p>a) Railway services / Railway stations</p> <p>b) Metro Rail corporation services, including stations</p> <p>c) Airports and Inter State Bus Terminals (ISBTs)</p> <p>d) National security/ defence related activities / projects of National importance; subject to strict compliance of the C&D Waste Management Rules and dust control norms including compliance with the directions of the Commission.</p> <p>2. Deploy Anti-smog guns, water sprinklers (including supplementing such efforts through large scale deployment of fire tenders etc.) and application of dust suppressants to be carried out in all vulnerable hotspots, at least 3 times in a day.</p> <p>3. Augment availability of road sweeping machines and water sprinklers in NCR through emergent procurement measures.</p> <p>4. Set up effective enforcement mechanism including intensive drives by deputing adequate number of teams consisting of senior officers to monitor compliance of air pollution</p>	<p>1. VC, DDA</p> <p>2. Chairperson, NDMC</p> <p>3. Chairman, DPCC</p> <p>4. Commissioner, North Delhi Municipal Corporation</p> <p>5. Commissioner, South Delhi Municipal Corporation</p> <p>6. Commissioner, East Delhi Municipal Corporation</p> <p>7. MD, DSIIDC</p> <p>8. Secretary, PWD</p> <p>9. Chairman, NHAI</p> <p>10. CEO, Delhi Cantonment Board,</p> <p>11. CEO, DJB</p> <p>12. Secretary, IFCD</p> <p>13. Chief Fire Officer, Fire Department (DFS) and all concerned Departments.</p>

	<p>emission control norms by the C&D projects and heavy penal action and/ or closure directions be issued with immediate effect</p> <p>5. Impose heavy penalty on persons/ organizations responsible for stacking construction materials or C&D waste on roads and right of ways in NCR.</p>	
4.	<p>D.G. Sets</p> <p>Enforce a strict ban on use of DG sets, except for emergency services, which are stipulated in the orders of the Sub-Committee on invocation of GRAP from time to time.</p> <p>Uninterrupted power supply to facilitate the effectiveness of this measure shall to be ensured by the respective electricity supply agencies.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chairman, NDMC 2. Divisional Commissioner, Revenue Department 3. Chairman, DPCC 4. Commissioner, Delhi Police 5. Commissioner, North Delhi Municipal Corporation 6. Commissioner, South Delhi Municipal Corporation, 7. Commissioner, East Delhi Municipal Corporation 8. Spl. Secretary, Power Department 9. CEO, BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. 10. CEO, BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd. 11. CEO, Tata Power Delhi Distribution and all concerned Departments.
5.	<p>All Schools, Colleges, Educational / Coaching Institutes, Skill Development & Training Institutes, Other Training Institutes, Libraries (except where exams are being conducted) shall be closed with immediate effect till further orders of the Commission.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secretary, Department of Higher Education 2. Secretary, Department of Technical Education 3. Director, Department of Education, and all concerned Departments.

All these directions are being monitored by the Chief Secretary, GNCTD, on a regular basis for effective field level implementation and control of air pollution. The heads of the concerned Departments/Organizations/Corporations will personally and closely monitor the whole situation on a daily basis and ensure implementation of the above mentioned directions in letter and spirit without fail. The heads of Departments/Organizations /Corporations shall also ensure that the requisite information's/ATR is submitted in the prescribed format in respect of each directions mentioned above daily by 5.00 PM without fail after ensuring the integrity of data by the Heads of the Departments to greenwarroom@gmail.com.

It should be noted by all the heads of Departments/Organizations /Corporations that any negligence, laps and/or laxity noticed on the part of any Departments/Organizations /Corporations, would lead to initiation of strict actions against the erring officers/officials in a time bound manner. The authorities concerned shall adequately inform and sensitize the field functionaries about these instructions for strict compliance, in letter and spirit.

(Sanjeev Khirwar)
Pr. Secretary (Environment)

F. No. 10 (13)/ENV/2020/Pt-2/ 5214-5243

Dated: 17th November, 2021

Copy for compliance to:

1. All Additional Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/HODs of Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
2. The Vice Chairman, Delhi, Development Authority, Vikas Sadan, I.N.A., New Delhi
3. Commissioner of Police, Delhi
4. Chairman, New Delhi Municipal Council.
5. Pr. Secretary (Revenue)-cum-Divisional Commissioner, GNCTD
6. Pr. Secretary (Transport), GNCTD
7. Commissioner (South DMC/East DMC/North DMC).
8. Secretary (I&P) for wide publicity in NCT of Delhi
9. CEO, Delhi Cantonment Board.
10. All District Magistrates of Delhi
11. All District DCPs of Delhi
12. DGHS, GNCTD
13. Delhi Fire Service
14. Member Secretary, DPCC, GNCTD

Copy for kind information to:-

1. Secretary to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi
2. Addl. Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, GNCTD
3. Secretary to Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister, GNCTD
4. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Health, GNCTD
5. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Revenue, GNCTD
6. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of General Administration Department, GNCTD
7. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Social Welfare, GNCTD
8. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Food & Supply, GNCTD
9. Addl. Chief Secretary (Home)/ State Nodal Officer, GNCTD
10. Addl. Chief Secretary (UD), GNCTD
11. Pr. Secretary (Environment), GNCTD
12. Guard file.

Copy to:

1. Secretary to Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor.
2. Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Delhi.
3. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister (E&F), GNCTD
4. OSD to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Delhi.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Number of Inspection		Action Taken		Prosecution	
		Date	Cumulative till date	Fine Imposed/ Challans issued	Closed/impounded	Date	Cumulative till date
1	<u>Industrial Pollution</u> Industries having gas connectivity shall be run only on gas as a fuel Action against industry using unapproved fuels Action against Industries not shifted to gas, where gas connectivity is available.	/ / 2021		Date / / 2021	Date / / 2021		
2.	<u>Vehicular Pollution/ Transport</u> Action against entry of trucks carrying non-essential commodities Action against vehicles of more than 10 years and 15 years using diesel and petrol respectively Action against visibly polluting vehicles and vehicles without PUC Monitoring of all busy traffic. Intersections, busy market areas, unauthorized parking lots etc. and take every possible step towards ensuring smooth flow of traffic and avoiding congestion.						

4	Road length covered with MRSM (without water sprinkling facility)	Km	
5	Amount of road dust to collected for scientific disposal in designated sites/ landfills	MT	
Water Sprinkling on Road			
1	Water sprinkling machines/ tankers deployed (excluding MRSM)	No.	
2	Road length covered with water sprinkling/dust suppressant	Km	
4. Diesel Generator sets			
Sl. No.	Activity	Unit	Date __/__/2021 Cumulative till date
1	No. of sites using diesel generator sets inspected	No.	
2	No. of defaulting sites for using diesel generator sets	No.	
3	EDC imposed for defaulting sites for using diesel generator sets	No.	
4	No. of closures of defaulting sites for using diesel generator sets	No.	
5	No. of prosecutions initiated for defaulting sites for using diesel generator sets today	No.	