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SUB-COMMITTEE ON GRADED RESPONSE ACTION PLAN

A-19014/45/CAQM-GRAP/2020-21

October 28, 2021

ORDER

Sub.: Implementation of Graded Response Action Plan in Delhi-NCR- steps to be taken

This is in continuation to the Order No. A-19014/45/CAQM-GRAP/2020-21 of the Sub-committee dated October 18, 2021. The Sub-committee convened a meeting on October 28, 2021 and reviewed air quality status as well as meteorological and air pollution forecast, made available by IMD. It was noted that winds are North-Westerly until the morning of November 01, 2021. Further minimum temperature is likely to drop to 14-15°C with increased moisture, which is unfavorable for dispersion of pollutants. It is likely that air quality may fall in 'Very Poor' AQI category.

Based on the decisions made by the Sub-committee, the following actions are to be strictly enforced by concerned agencies:

1. Following actions under 'Very Poor' category, in addition to steps listed under 'Poor' to 'Moderate' AQI category should be implemented with immediate effect in Delhi-NCR:
 - a. Mechanical/vacuum-based sweeping of roads to be carried out daily.
 - b. Ensure water sprinkling along with use of dust suppressants (at least every alternate day) on roads to arrest road dust especially at hotspots, heavy traffic corridors, vulnerable areas (before peak hours) and proper disposal of dust collected in designated sites/landfills.
 - c. Regular inspection for strict enforcement of dust control measures must be ensured at construction sites.
 - d. Ensure uninterrupted power supply to discourage the use of Generator sets.
 - e. Stop use of diesel generator sets [except for emergency purposes (Annexure D)]
 - f. Enhance parking fee by 3-4 times

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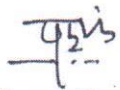
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- g. Increase bus and metro services by augmenting contract buses and increasing frequency of service
 - h. Stop use of coal/firewood in hotels and open eateries
2. Citizens to take actions to prevent air pollution, such as:
- a. Residential Welfare Associations and individual house owners to provide electric heaters during winter to security staff to avoid open burning by them.
 - b. Keeping PUC certificates up to date.
 - c. Keeping engines of cars/ bikes/ scooters properly tuned.
 - d. Maintaining proper air pressure in tires of cars/ bikes/ scooters
 - e. Adherence to lane driving
 - f. Optimize use of private vehicles
 - g. Not disposing waste /garbage in the open spaces
 - h. Avoid dust generating construction activities during months of October to January, if possible.
 - i. Reporting air pollution activities through SAMEER App, social media platforms and other public grievance portals
3. States to disseminate information about air pollution levels and for creating awareness among citizens regarding steps to minimize air pollution.

All the concerned agencies must take steps as mentioned above and submit action taken report to the Member Secretary, CAQM.


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Exceptions

Following essential services and activities, as an exception shall be out of the purview of the revised GRAP:

- a) Medical services (Hospital/ Nursing Home/ Health care facilities)
- b) Elevators/Escalators
- c) Railway services/ Railway stations
- d) Metro rail corporation services, including trains and stations
- e) Airports and Inter State Bus Terminals (ISBTs)
- f) Sewage treatment plants
- g) National security/ defense related activities.