

Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi
Department of Environment and Forests
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F. No.10 (39)/ENV/2021/5610-5638

Dated: 26 November, 2021

Subject: Directions u/s 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to stop entry of trucks in Delhi.

Whereas, in pursuance of the directions in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1135 of 2020 titled as Aditya Dubey Vs. Union of India & Ors of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, on 15.11.2021, the Commission For Air Quality in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas, convened an emergency meeting on 16.11.2021 and in pursuance of the same, had issued directions on 16.11.2021 under Section 12 of the Commission For Air Quality in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021 regarding steps for effective control of air pollution in wake of the prevailing poor air quality in Delhi-NCR predicted to remain till 21.11.2021, *inter alia* including stopping entry of trucks in Delhi except the trucks carrying essential commodities, stopping construction and demolition activities in NCR except for certain categories of projects, allowing Work from Home (WFH) for at least 50% of staff in offices and also encouraging at least 50% of staff working in private establishments in NCR to work from home till 21 November, 2021 and closing of all public and private Schools, Colleges and Education Institutions in NCR until further orders allowing only online mode of education.

And whereas air pollution levels were still very poor on 20.11.2021, and the forecast of Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Government of India on 20.11.2021 as per their Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi predicted that the air quality was likely to remain in Poor to Moderate category on 22.11.2021 and 23.11.2021 and the air quality for subsequent five days is also likely to remain in Poor to Lower end of Very Poor category, GNCTD further issued directions on 21.11.2021 under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, *inter alia* including stopping of entry of trucks in Delhi except the trucks carrying essential commodities, closing of all offices of GNCT of Delhi / Autonomous Bodies / Corporations except those involved in essential and emergency services with advise to all private offices / establishments to allow their staff to work from home, so as to ensure least vehicular movement on the roads, till 26th November, 2021.

And whereas the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order dated 24.11.2021 as an interim measure and until further orders, has re-imposed the ban on the construction activities in the NCR subject to the condition that non-polluting activities relating to constructions such as the plumbing work, interior decoration, electrical work and carpentry are allowed to be continued.

And whereas the Commission for Air Quality in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas on 25.11.2021 directed that *"the NCR States and the Govt. of NCT of Delhi may consider and taken appropriate decisions for resumption of physical classes in schools, colleges and educational institutions in the NCR. However, wherever the State Governments / GNCTD opt to continue with the online mode of education, such schools/ colleges / educational institutions shall be permitted to open for the purpose of conduct of examinations and practical's etc."*

And whereas Air pollution levels are still very poor, and the forecast of Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Government of India as on 26.11.2021 as per their Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi predicts that the air quality is likely to remain in upper end of Very Poor category

on 27.11.2021 and 28.11.2021 and the air quality for subsequent five days is also likely to remain in Very Poor category, though gradual improvement is likely from 27.11.2021 till 30.11.2021.

And whereas, in the present context, action towards continuing the curbs on vehicular pollution would be beneficial for the general quality of air.

And whereas with regard to the previous directions issued vide date 21.11.2021 to Stop entry of trucks in Delhi except the trucks carrying essential commodities, till 26th November, 2021, representations have also been received by the department to review the decision and grant permission to trucks to enter in Delhi /allow CNG run trucks to enter Delhi.

Now, therefore, in view of the above, it is proposed to open all offices of GNCT of Delhi / Autonomous Bodies / Corporations and schools / educational institutions subject to further review, and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 read with notification No.SO667 (E) issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India dated 10.09.1992, following direction is hereby issued:

Stop entry of trucks in Delhi except all the trucks carrying essential commodities and CNG / Electric Trucks carrying non-essential commodities, from 27th November, 2021 till 30th November 2021 subject to further review.

All authorities concerned shall implement the aforesaid directions in letter and spirit. The violation of the directions issued under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 or the rules made there under shall be punishable under Section 15 of the said Act which includes imprisonment upto five years and / or with fine which may extend to Rs. One Lakh or with both.

By order and in the name of the
Lieutenant Governor of National Capital Territory of Delhi


(Sanjeev Khanna)
Pr. Secretary (Environment)

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