

OFFICE OF THE SPL. COMMISSIONER OF POLICE: TRAFFIC, DELHI

ORDER

Onset of winter season brings significant changes in the air quality and it is often results into deterioration of air quality. Since last few days, the NCT of Delhi has been grappling with serious air pollution level with a sharp decline in air quality levels. The Air Quality Index (AQI) is being monitored very closely by the EPCA and a number of directions are also being issued by the authority to check air pollution levels in the entire NCR.

The Central Pollution Control Board (Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (Govt. Of India), in pursuance to the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated 02.12.2016 in the matter of M.C. Mehta Vs. Union of India (WPC No. 13029/1985) regarding Air Quality in National Capital Region, has prepared a Graded Response Action Plan Delhi & NCR for implementation under different Air Quality Index (AQI) categories namely, **Moderate & Poor, Very Poor, Severe and Severe + or Emergency**, as per National Air Quality Index. A copy of the Graded Response Action Plan for Delhi & NCR is enclosed for reference. A new category of "**Severe + or Emergency**" has been added. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India has also notified for implementation the Graded Response Action Plan through Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA) vide S.O. 118 (E) dated 12.01.2017 (Copy enclosed for ready reference).

The following actions are required to be undertaken by Local Distt Police /Delhi Traffic Police/Licensing Unit of Delhi Police as per Graded Response Action Plan for Delhi & NCR depending upon the Air Quality Index:-

1. When air quality is **Severe+ or Emergency** (ambient PM2.5 or PM10 concentration values of 300 ug/m³ or 500 ug/m³ respectively persist for 48 hours or more - Stop entry of truck traffic into Delhi (except essential commodities) – **(Action by Local Distt Police and Delhi Traffic Police)**.
2. **Moderate to Poor** (ambient PM2.5 or PM 10 concentration value in between 61-120 ug/m³ or 101-350 ug/m³ respectively) –
 - i. Strict vigilance and no tolerance for visible emissions – Stop plying of visible polluting vehicles by impounding or heavy fine – **(Action by Delhi Traffic Police)**.

- ii. Strict vigilance and no tolerance for visible emissions – stop plying of visibly polluting vehicles by impounding or heavy fine and strict vigilance and enforcement of PUC norms - (Action by Delhi Traffic Police).
- iii. Stringently enforce rules for dust control in construction activities and close non-compliant sites - (Action by Local Police).
- iv. Deploy traffic police for smooth traffic flow at identified vulnerable areas - (Action by Delhi Traffic Police).
- v. Strictly enforce Supreme Court order on diversion of non-destined truck traffic and ensure only trucks registered after 2005 are allowed entry into Delhi - (Action by Local Distt. Police and Delhi Traffic Police).
- vi. Strictly enforce Supreme Court ban on firecrackers- Action by Local Distt. Police and Licensing Unit of Delhi Police).

All officers are requested to brief and sensitize the staff working under their operational control accordingly and implement the Graded Response Action Plan in true letter and spirit to check and reduce air pollution in the NCT of Delhi.

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