

ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION (PREVENTION & CONTROL) AUTHORITY
for the National Capital Region

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Chairman

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Urgent Directions regarding truck movement during GRAP

Dear Sir,

As per our earlier directions, trucks were banned from entry into Delhi till November 12 night. The entry will be opened today. However, the CPCB Task Force as well as SAFAR have cautioned that the entry of trucks during night time could add to the pollution peak in the city.

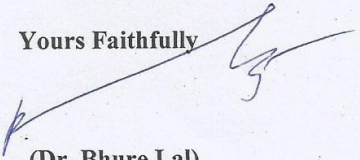
EPCA has discussed the matter of allowing trucks entry into Delhi during day time with the Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) and has noted their concerns. The entry of large numbers of trucks during day time will add to congestion, as trucks will be moving with other traffic, which in turn will add to pollution. Furthermore, it will increase the chance of traffic accidents and other incidents. Traffic Police has also brought to EPCA's attention the fact that already over 1,000 trucks are halted at the borders of Delhi and that owners are getting restive and the situation could get out of hand. It is also clear that this accumulation of trucks is adding to congestion on roads and also pollution in the neighbouring areas.

Therefore, given all the above, and keeping in mind the fact that air quality in NCR is still in the range of very poor and severe, EPCA is issuing the following directions:

1. All trucks at the border will be allowed to enter Delhi but will not be asked to stop to pay toll or ECC for this period from November 12th 11 pm to November 13th 7 am. By relaxing the payment of Toll-ECC, the trucks can move without any stop and this will reduce congestion and reduce pollution.
2. SDMC is directed to issue the necessary orders so that no ECC or Toll is collected for this limited period.
3. No new trucks will be allowed entry and Delhi police will increase their manpower at all entry points to ensure that there is no congestion and that the numbers of trucks entering are limited to those that are already at the entry gates. We will continue this restriction so that there is large scale diversion of trucks on the Western and Eastern Expressways and other roads.

Please ensure compliance with these directions. EPCA is still awaiting further recommendations from the CPCB task force on other measures that have been restricted or banned in the city and will inform you accordingly.

Yours Faithfully


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