

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

**Dr. Bhure Lal
Chairman**

**EPCA-R/2019/L-54
November 04, 2019**

Urgent directions regarding GRAP

Dear Sir

This is further to my urgent direction of November 1, 2019, regarding the measures that needed to be taken to combat the air emergency situation in Delhi-NCR.

The CPCB led task force and EPCA have reviewed the measures that were imposed in light of the prevailing weather conditions and air quality. The air quality remained in the severe+zone over the past few days, exacerbated by the extremely adverse weather conditions – light rain on the night on 2nd and then again on 3rd added to the moisture levels, which trapped the pollutants leading to severe stress and extremely hazardous conditions for people. However, according to the Met department, we are expecting better weather conditions in the next few days, including higher winds and better ventilation, which should improve air quality. There is, however, light rain expected on the November 7th, which may once again slip the region into poor air quality.

Given the above situation, the CPCB task force and EPCA have agreed on the following:

1. **Hot mix plants, stone crushers to be closed till November 8, 2019 in all NCR districts.**
2. **All coal and other fuel based industries, which have not shifted to natural gas or agro-residue (with exemption to power-plants) to remain closed in Faridabad, Gurugram, Ghaziabad, Noida, Greater Noida, Sonapat, Panipat, Bahadurgarh and Bhiwadi till morning of November 8, 2019. In Delhi industries, which have not yet shifted to PNG to remain closed during till morning of November 8, 2019.**
3. **Cracker burning is completely banned for this entire winter period.**

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its hearing held on 4.11.2019, has banned **Construction activities in Delhi-NCR till further orders.**

Please note, as stated before, these measures are in addition to the directions already issued, which we had listed for your easy reference and action in our direction of November 1, 2019.

I cannot stress enough the urgent need to take steps to stop local sources of pollution – from garbage burning to construction dust and dumping of waste and road dust. These measures will go a long way in reducing local pollution and helping us to mitigate toxic air pollution across the region. We require vigilance, day and night patrolling and strictest of action against violators so that pollution is checked.

Please ensure compliance with the above directions.

Yours faithfully

**Dr. Bhure Lal,
Chairman, EPCA**

To
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