

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

Dr. Bhure Lal
Chairman

EPCA-R/2019/L-56
November 11, 2019

Dear Sir,

This is further to my urgent direction of November 8, 2019, regarding the measures that needed to be taken to combat the air emergency situation in Delhi-NCR.

The CPCB led task force has reviewed the weather conditions that are likely to prevail over the region and it is their assessment that in spite of winds, AQI has fallen back to 'Very Poor' category. Furthermore, as the direction of the winds is again north-westerly, this has also increased the contribution of stubble burning into the region's airshed. As per IMD, air quality situation is likely to remain under 'Very Poor' to 'Severe' category and improvement is indicated only after November 13, 2019. From November 14, 2019, winds are likely to be stronger resulting in better dispersion of pollutants.

In view of the above, CPCB tasked force has recommended that operation of industries which were restricted earlier may commence from November 14, 2019. CPCB Task Force will also review the meteorological conditions and air quality on November 13, 2019 and further advisory will be issued, if needed.

Given the above situation, EPCA is directing the following:

1. **Hot mix plants, stone crushers to be closed till morning of November 14, 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 and Bahadurgarh and Bhiwadi till morning of November 14, 2019. In Delhi industries, which have not yet shifted to PNG to remain closed during till morning of November 14, 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.

Please ensure compliance with the above directions.

Yours faithfully

Dr. Bhure Lal,
Chairman, EPCA

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