

**COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND ADJOINING AREAS
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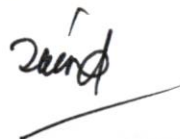
Subject: Directions under Section 12 of Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021 – Revised Schedule of Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) for NCR.

WHEREAS, high level of air pollution in the National Capital Region has been a matter of serious concern and particularly with reference to episodic rises in the levels of air pollution, implementation of a Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) was notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in January 2017, based on the recommendations of the CPCB;

WHEREAS, keeping in view the developments over the years, actions initiated towards abatement of air pollution in NCR and preventive / restrictive measures listed in the GRAP to address the adverse air quality generally prevailing in the region during winter, it was considered necessary by the Commission to review the Schedule and contours of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) and invoke the identified actions/ measures in advance, based on a predictive AQI forecast;

WHEREAS, the GRAP schedule was accordingly reviewed by the Commission in 2022 and notified vide Direction No. 66 dated 5th August, 2022, to come into force with effect from 01.10.2022;

WHEREAS, based on the experiences and learnings through implementation of the GRAP during the winter season of 2022-23 and further deliberations held by the Sub-Committee on GRAP on 28.06.2023, the GRAP schedule was further reviewed and issued vide Direction No. 75 dated 27.07.2023, which *inter-alia* included a schedule for regulated operations of DG sets across all sectors in the NCR including industrial, commercial, residential, office establishments etc. in accordance with the detailed



directions related to regulated use of DG sets issued vide Direction No. 73 dated 02.06.2023;

WHEREAS, in the context of above referred Direction No. 73, in due consideration of the contentions and submissions made by various stakeholders related to issues in ground level implementation, availability of RECDs / dual fuel systems / new gensets to the latest CPCB standards and various other techno-commercial considerations put forth by them, the Commission, in supersession of all extant directions / orders / guidelines on the regulations for DG sets, vide Direction No. 76 dated 29.09.2023 issued a new schedule for regulated operation of such DG sets (only as a backup against regular power supply failures) across all sectors in NCR which also included the restrictions / regulations to be adopted during the periods of restrictions on DG sets under the GRAP (Stage – II and beyond):

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Section 12 of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021, to this extent, amends the extant schedule of the GRAP issued vide Direction No. 75, to as annexed to this Direction, with immediate effect.

The actions under various Stages of the GRAP shall, however, be invoked as and when ordered for by the Commission, based on the AQI forecasts for Delhi.


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