

**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 – Migration of public transport services especially buses in NCR to cleaner modes.

WHEREAS, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 3 of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act 2021, has constituted the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (hereinafter referred to as the Commission);

WHEREAS, under Section 12 (1) of the Act, the Commission is vested with powers to take all such measures, issue directions, etc., as it deems necessary or expedient for the purpose of protecting and improving the quality of the air in the National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas;

WHEREAS, Section 12 (2) (ix) of the Act empowers the Commission to issue directions in writing to any person, officer, or any authority and such person, officer or authority shall be bound to comply with such directions;

WHEREAS, Section 12(2)(v) of the Act also empowers the Commission to impose restrictions and regulate operations or processes that have implications on air quality in the region;

WHEREAS, significantly high contribution from the transport sector to the overall air pollution load in the entire NCR, particularly during the winter season needs no emphasis and efficient and cleaner public transport services particularly the intra-city and inter-city bus services within NCR would help to abate air pollution from this sector;

WHEREAS, towards the above stated objectives, a series of meetings were held in the Commission with the NCR States for developing detailed action plans



for shifting to cleaner bus services in NCR, focusing that bus services in the entire NCR to be targeted for EVs in the long-term (within 5 years), through EVs / CNG buses in the medium-term (within 3 years) and in the interim through EVs / CNG/ BS-VI diesel buses.

WHEREAS, transition to only CNG / EV buses by the NCR states in the NCR will take longer time and only CNG / EV / BS-VI Diesel buses are permitted by the NCT of Delhi to ply in NCR, it becomes necessary to prioritise replacing older BS-III / IV Diesel buses with BS-VI Diesel compliant buses for all the NCR States;

WHEREAS, in response thereto, the State Governments of Haryana, Rajasthan and UP formulated their respective action plans to replace/ relocate older BS-III and BS-IV Diesel operated buses in a phased manner and plan to procure new BS-VI Diesel buses during 2023-24 as under:

- (i) Haryana - 1313 new BS-VI Diesel buses.
- (ii) Rajasthan - 590 new BS-VI Diesel buses, besides outsourcing services of 440 BS-VI Diesel buses.
- (iii) Uttar Pradesh – More than 1650 new BS-VI Diesel buses.

WHEREAS, it was also informed that procurement of CNG buses and EVs, as per the respective EV Policy, is also underway in the NCR;

WHEREAS, in this light, considering the predominant contribution of the transport sector to the overall air pollution load in Delhi-NCR particularly in the winter months, an Advisory dated 19.07.2023 was issued with the prime objective to ensure that with effect from 01.11.2023, all buses originating from NCR areas in the respective states and travelling to Delhi are either EVs or CNG or BS-VI Diesel;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Advisory, action taken for migration of bus services in NCR to cleaner modes along with the timelines indicated by State Governments (viz: EV/CNG/BS-VI Diesel) was reviewed for each of the NCR states i.e., Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh;

WHEREAS, the current availability of EV/ CNG/ BS-VI Diesel buses with the State Govts., total requirement of such buses to cater to various services from different areas of the respective states to Delhi and other NCR areas and

