



GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION: SCHOOL BRANCH
OLD SECRETARIAT: DELHI-110054

No.DE.23(28)/Sch.Br./2025/ 68

Dated: 04/02/2025

CIRCULAR


Sub: Regarding Resumption of Normal Classes in Schools.

The Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas in its order No. 120017/27/GRAP/2021/CAQM-1235DT dated 03.02.25 (Copy enclosed) has decided to revoke actions under Stage-III ('Severe' Air Quality) of the extant Schedule of GRAP, with immediate effect.

Accordingly, all the Govt., Govt. Aided, Unaided Recognized Private Schools of DoE, NDMC, MCD and Delhi Cantonment Board are informed that the guidelines issued vide circular of even number dated 29.01.25 are hereby revoked with immediate effect. Thus, all classes in all schools are to be held in physical mode with immediate effect.

All the Heads of Schools are hereby directed to disseminate this information among students, staff members and parents of the students.

Encl.: As above


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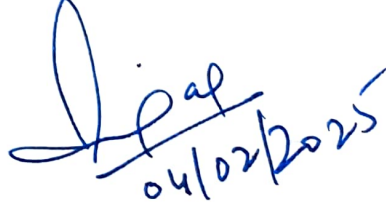
All the Heads of Schools of Delhi through DEL-E

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Copy to:-

1. PS to Secretary (Education).
2. PA to Director (Education).
3. Director (Education) of MCD to issue similar directions.
4. Director (Education) of NDMC to issue similar directions.
5. CEO of Delhi Cantonment Board to issue similar directions.
6. Addl. DE (School).
7. Addl. DE (IT).
8. Addl. DE (ASB& PSB).
9. All RDEs, DDEs (Districts/Zones) to ensure compliance.
10. Guard File.


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सत्यमेव जयते

राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र और निकटवर्ती क्षेत्र
वायु गुणवत्ता प्रबंधन आयोग
Commission for Air Quality Management in
National Capital Region and
Adjoining Areas



No.120017/27/GRAP/2021/CAQM-1235DT

03rd February, 2025

ORDER

Sub.: Revocation of actions under Stage III ('Severe' Air Quality) of GRAP and intensifying actions under Stage-I & II of extant Graded Response Action Plan (December, 2024)

The Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and adjoining areas, in pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court directions, issued a comprehensively Revised schedule of GRA vide its order dated 13.12.2024 for implementation with immediate effect by all concerned (available on CAQM website i.e., caqm.nic.in).

2. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its directions in WP(C) No. 13029 of 1985 in the matter of M.C. Mehta Vs. Union of India & Ors. dated 05.12.2024, however, *inter alia*, directed the Commission as under:

"...we must record here that if the Commission finds that the AQI goes above 350, as a precautionary measure, Stage-III measures will have to be immediately implemented. If the AQI crosses 400 on a given day, Stage-IV measures will have to be reintroduced..."

3. This was further reiterated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Order dated 12.12.2024 and 19.12.2024 in the above said matter.

4. In pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, when the AQI of Delhi breached the 350 mark, the Sub-Committee on GRAP invoked Stage-III of the GRAP vide order dated 29.01.2025.

5. Noting a downward trend in the AQI levels of Delhi, the Sub-Committee on GRAP held its meeting today and reviewed the air quality scenario in the region as well as the IMD/IITM forecasts.

Owing to improvement in mixing height and ventilation coefficient and much favourable meteorological conditions for dispersion of pollutants, the AQI of Delhi has shown a significant improvement.

The AQI of Delhi has been recorded as 286 for 03.02.2025 which is 64 points below the 350 mark to implement the Stage-III as per the extant directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Further, the forecast by IMD predicts very light rain/ drizzle and favourable wind conditions in the days to come.

6. **The Sub-Committee**, accordingly, decided to **revoke its orders dated 29.01.2025**, for invoking actions under **Stage-III ('Severe' Air Quality)** of the extant Schedule of GRAP (December, 2024), with immediate effect.

7. Construction & Demolition project sites etc. which have been issued specific closure orders on account of violations/ non-compliances of various statutory directions, rules, guidelines etc. under no circumstances shall resume their operations without any specific order to this effect from the Commission.

8. Actions under Stage-I & II of the extant Schedule of GRAP shall, however, remain invoked and be implemented, monitored and reviewed by all the agencies concerned in the entire NCR to ensure that the AQI levels do not slip further. All implementing agencies shall keep strict vigil and especially intensify measures under Stage-I & II of the extant schedule of GRAP.

9. While GRAP Stage-III is being revoked, keeping in view the winter season when weather conditions may not be always favorable and in order to ensure that the AQI levels do not slip further, citizens are requested to strictly adhere to the citizen charter under GRAP-II.

10. The Sub-Committee, shall be keeping a close watch on the air quality scenario and review the situation from time to time for further appropriate decision depending upon the Air Quality in Delhi and forecast made by IMD/IITM.

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To:

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh, 101, Lok Bhawan, U. P. Civil Secretariat, Vidhan Sabha Marg, Lucknow – 226 001.
2. The Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan, Government Secretariat, Jaipur, Rajasthan – 302 005.
3. The Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana, 4th Floor, Civil Secretariat, Sector – 1, Chandigarh.
4. The Chief Secretary, Government of NCT of Delhi, 3rd Floor, Delhi Secretariat, I. P. Estate, New Delhi – 110 002.
5. Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Uttar Pradesh.
6. Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Environment, Room No. 335, 3rd Floor, Haryana New Secretariat, Sector 17, Chandigarh.
7. Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of NCT of Delhi, Room No. 801, 8th Floor, B Wing, Delhi Secretariat, Delhi - 110002.
8. Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Room No. 4224, 2nd Floor, Main Building, Government of Rajasthan Sectt. Jaipur.