

DIRECTION NO.67

**COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT**  
 IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND ADJOINING AREAS  
 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Jawahar Vyapar Bhawan (STC Building)  
 Tolstoy Marg, New Delhi-110001

F. No. A-110018/01/2021-CAQM | 9056-9079

Dated: 12.09.2022

**Subject: Implementation and review of the updated / revised plan of action for prevention and control of Stubble Burning in 2022**

1. WHEREAS, the 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);
2. WHEREAS, under Section 12 (1) of the Act, the Commission has 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;
3. WHEREAS, Section 12 (2) (xi) 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;
4. WHEREAS, Paddy stubble burning is a matter of grave concern for air quality in NCR and the Commission has deliberated upon the issue in a series of meetings held with major stakeholders including with the State Governments of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, GNCTD, State Pollution Control Boards of NCR states, Punjab and Delhi Pollution Control Committee(DPCC) and Knowledge institutions like Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), NGOs and civil society groups etc. working in National Capital Region;
5. WHEREAS, the Commission through directions dated 10.06.2021 had provided a Framework to the states concerned for control/elimination of crop residue burning and directed to draw up the state-specific action plans based on the major contours of the Framework;



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6. WHEREAS, an advisory dated 28.07.2021 was issued from the Commission on *Ex-Situ* stubble management for tackling the problem of stubble burning to the Governments of Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh;
7. WHEREAS, the Commission through directions issued on 16.08.2021 had also advised the Governments of NCR States, Government of NCT of Delhi and Government of Punjab to adopt the standard protocol developed by ISRO to the monitoring and reporting of fire events using the Satellite data;
8. WHEREAS, the Governments of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Government of NCT of Delhi had formulated the state specific action plans for prevention and control of paddy stubble burning during the paddy harvest season in 2021;
9. WHEREAS, the subject action plans were implemented by the NCR State Governments and GNCTD, the results / outcome was not upto the desired levels and there was only a marginal reduction of the overall number of incidences of farm fires owing to paddy stubble burning in 2021 as compared to 2020, in fact the number of farm fires in the State of Haryana had increased significantly;
10. WHEREAS, based on field experience and learning during 2021 and with increased options for *ex-situ* utilization of paddy straw in various industrial and commercial applications, the respective action plans have been revised and updated for the upcoming paddy harvest during 2022;
11. WHEREAS, the respective updated / revised action plans for Punjab, Haryana and NCR districts of Uttar Pradesh were presented during a meeting held in the Commission for the purpose on 05.08.2022;
12. WHEREAS, the salient features of the above noted updated action plans were also presented before the Commission in its full meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2022, and the Commission took note of the same and approved issue of Statutory Directions;
13. NOW, THEREFORE, in view of the above position and the compelling need to control air pollution from burning of paddy straw, the Commission hereby directs the State Governments of Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh:



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- (i) To strictly and effectively implement the framework and the revised action plan, in letter and spirit, to eliminate and control the stubble burning and;
  - (ii) To conduct frequent reviews and close monitoring of implementation of the framework/state specific plan of action at various levels as provided in the plan.
14. The State Government of Rajasthan and GNCTD shall make every efforts towards totally eliminating any paddy stubble burning incident during the ensuing harvest season.
15. Action taken report in compliance of the above directions be submitted on a weekly basis to the Commission, starting from **15<sup>th</sup> September, 2022**.

  
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3. The Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh, 101, Lok Bhawan, U. P. Civil Secretariat, Vidhan Sabha Marg, Lucknow – 226001.
4. The Chief Secretary, Government of NCT of Delhi, Delhi Secretariat, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110 001.
5. The Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan, Government Secretariat, Jaipur-302 005.

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2. Member Secretary, Haryana State Pollution Control Board
3. Member Secretary, Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board.
4. Member Secretary, Delhi Pollution Control Committee.

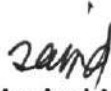


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5. Member Secretary, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board.

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The Chairperson and all Members, CAQM.

  
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