

CAQM holds meeting with Delhi Government agencies to review Dust Pollution issues and strengthen Air Pollution Mitigation

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A review meeting was held today under the Co-Chairmanship of Shri Rajesh Verma, Chairperson, Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM), and the Chief Secretary, GNCTD, with concerned agencies of the Delhi Government to review dust pollution issues and strengthening coordinated action for effective air pollution mitigation in Delhi in the coming days.



The Commission emphasized that all concerned agencies must strictly comply with its Statutory Directions issued from time to time and ensure their strict implementation. MCD was specifically directed to strengthen dust mitigation measures on roads and open areas under its jurisdiction.

The review was held in continuation of the Commission's ongoing assessment of dust mitigation measures in Delhi. Earlier, vide Notice dated 07.10.2026, MCD had been directed to appear before the Commission along with all its Deputy Commissioners on 12.10.2026 and submit a detailed zone-wise presentation on efforts undertaken/being undertaken for removal of dust and garbage from roads.



During today's meeting, DPCC was directed to ensure close coordination among all concerned agencies for effective air pollution mitigation. Further, it has come to the notice that many agencies and departments involved in construction across Delhi are not ensuring dust mitigation measures like installation of wind barriers, dust screens, etc. and most importantly for digging work which leads to accumulation of dust. The concerned departments were directed to take prompt action on identified dust pollution issues and take strict action against the concerned officials and project proponent/ implementing agencies in cases of violation and ensure compliance.

The Commission reiterated that strict action would be taken against officials failing to implement the Statutory Directions, particularly with regard to dust mitigation measures. The District Magistrates of GNCTD would monitor compliance and ensure that measures are implemented on the ground in their respective jurisdictions.

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