

**COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND ADJOINING AREAS**

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To,

1. The Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana
4th Floor, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Sector-1, Chandigarh.
2. The Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan
Secretariat, Jaipur-302005
3. The Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh
101, 'B' Block, Lok Bhawan, U.P. Secretariat, Lucknow
4. The Chief Secretary, Government of NCT of Delhi
Delhi Secretariat, I P Estate, New Delhi.

Subject: Cleaner public transport services (buses) in NCR.

Sir,

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. As is well established, efficient and cleaner public transport services particularly the inter-city and intra-city bus services within NCR would help to abate air pollution from this sector in the entire National Capital Region.

2. Towards this objective, a series of meetings were held in the Commission with the Transport and Environment Departments of NCR States and GNCTD for developing detailed action plans for shifting to cleaner bus services in NCR, focusing on the following imperatives:

(i) Bus services in the entire NCR i.e., between Delhi and all NCR Districts to be targeted for shifting to EVs in the long-term (within 5 years), EVs / CNG buses in the medium-term (within 3 years) and EVs / CNG/ BS-VI diesel buses in the interim.

(ii) Bus services to Delhi through NCR from surrounding North Indian states viz. Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh also need to be planned for shifting to EVs/

CNGs in long term (within 5 years) and EVs/CNGs/ BS-VI Diesel buses in the mid-term (3 years).

(iii) Finalise implementable plan to ensure that only buses on cleaner fuels enter Delhi and NCR from other parts of the country as a continued strategy to promote cleaner mobility and accordingly take up, as per the plan finalized, with all State Governments.

3. In response thereto, the State Governments of Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have formulated their respective action plans to replace / relocate BS-III and BS-IV Diesel operated buses in a phased manner as highlighted under:

- (i) State Government of Haryana plans to procure 1313 new BS-VI Diesel buses during 2023-24 which would facilitate replacement of old buses identified for condemnation and also as replacement of older BS-III/ IV buses, which are planned to be relocated to the non-NCR bus depots.
- (ii) Likewise, the State Government of Rajasthan have informed of the RSRTC's plan to procure 590 new BS-VI buses during the year, besides outsourcing the services of 440 BS-VI category buses to transform the entire bus fleet running in the NCR to cleaner mobility options.
- (iii) The State Government of Uttar Pradesh have also informed of their plan to induct 955 new BS-VI Diesel buses in the next 3-4 years to replace BS-III/ IV Diesel buses, prioritising the buses operating in NCR.
- (iv) State Government of NCR/GNCTD have also informed that procurement of CNG buses and EVs as per the respective EV Policy is also underway by the GNCTD and the NCR states.

4. Thus, there seems to be momentum and concerted efforts towards shifting to bus services operating on cleaner fuels in NCR. Towards further promotion of this objective, it is hereby reiterated to prioritise induction of Electric / CNG / BS-VI Diesel buses for replacement of BS-III/IV Diesel buses hitherto operating in public bus transportation services between various Districts in NCR and Delhi.

5. Given the procurement plans for new Electric / CNG / BS-VI buses by the respective State Governments in the NCR, it seems conveniently possible for the NCR districts in Haryana and Rajasthan to completely switch over to Electric / CNG / BS-VI buses for services to and from Delhi during the current

2024

year itself. For the bus services between NCR regions of Uttar Pradesh and Delhi as well, a significant number of new BS-VI buses i.e., about 233, out of a total requirement of 333 new buses to replace the existing BS-III/ BS-IV diesel buses, are likely to be inducted during the current year itself.

6. In light of the above, considering the major contribution of the Vehicular sector to the overall air pollution load in Delhi-NCR particularly in the winter months, it is advised that the following action may please be endeavoured in right earnest:

- (i) With effect from 01.11.2023, all buses originating from NCR Districts in the respective states and plying to Delhi are either EVs or CNG or BS-VI Diesel.
- (ii) Plan and target to achieve that all buses originating or terminating in NCR to run only on CNG / EV mode by 30.06.2026.
- (iii) Plan and target substantial number of buses originating or terminating in NCR in EV mode by 30.06.2028.
- (iv) The respective agencies / departments in the NCR state Governments and GNCT of Delhi to strive to achieve the milestones as per Action Plans and take steps for implementation accordingly.

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6. ACS, Forest Environment and Climate Change, Govt. of Rajasthan
7. ACS (Env. and Climate Change), Govt. of Haryana
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Copy also to:-

9. The Chairperson, CAQM
10. All Members, CAQM

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