



**The Delhi Clean Air Forum, Zonal Committee,
Shahadra North Zone, Delhi
Memorandum**

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Hon'ble Lt. Governor Delhi
Raj Niwas, Delhi.

Sub: Memorandum Submitted by the Delhi clean Air Forum Committee, Shahdra North Municipal zone

Excellency,

Delhi's long term air quality is at critical toxic levels and is damaging the lungs of all its citizens, especially the young, pregnant women and the elderly. This is a well accepted and universally acknowledged fact. This predicament cannot be resolved without drastic actions on the part of the Government and with the help and cooperation of Delhi's citizens.

URJA has undertaken public engagements with Experts, RWAs and Delhi Citizenry for better air and environment quality in Delhi through their forum known as Delhi Clean Air Forum (DCAF), which has been active since 2015-16. DCAF aims to reach out to public spirited citizens, Experts, Community and Religious Leaders, RWAs, MTAs and local schools to solicit support and ideas to develop a long term action plan for clean air in Delhi. DCAF also wants to use its deep grassroots reach to support the government in the implementation of their initiatives for clean air and a clean environment in Delhi.

We, the citizens of Delhi, and in particular Central Zone, representing local MTA/RWA/Religious Organisation/NGO/Independent activist/ School/Mercantile association gathered under URJA's initiative, DCAF, submit as follows:

- Clean Air for each citizen is a fundamental right under our constitution
- We expect the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA) for the National Capital Region to fulfill its responsibility of implementation of the notified Comprehensive Action Plan for Air Pollution Control for Delhi, NCR (<http://www.epca.org.in/EPCA-Reports1999-1917/Final-EPCA-Report-71-CAP-for-Delhi-NCR.pdf>). The Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) forms a small, although significant, part of this overall comprehensive action plan.
- A study of this plan indicates significant omissions in attributing Responsible Official, Key Performance Indicator or Key Success Measures and Target Dates for implementation against each agreed action. 'Ongoing' or 'Within Three Months' are not clearly defined Target Dates. This is a fundamental weakness in the plan.
- Furthermore the GRAP part of the Comprehensive Plan directs various government departments and officials to take specific actions.

We recommend that the Plans proposed by notified departments to meet the GRAP requirements be placed on public record and published on EPCA's website for transparency.

We further recommend that actual actions undertaken by each notified department or official and their

resulting benefits be reported and published on the EPCA Website after the invocation of each stage of the GRAP.

- **We demand quarterly status reports be published against each department's actions on the EPCA website within one week of each quarter-end March, June, September and December.**

We also recommend that the number of times, dates and the GRAP AQI levels that were invoked should be reported in each quarterly report

- **We the participants of the zonal meetings (Delhi Clean Air Zonal Committee) offer our full cooperation to each notified government department or official for implementation of the Comprehensive Action Plan including GRAP, once the above measures have been implemented.**

Task to be undertaken by Delhi Clean Air Zonal Committee:

- A mechanism in each zone that will enable localized monitoring and reporting structure on Rapid Action Response (RAP) Plan in accordance with the Graded Action Response Plan developed by CPCB.**
- A body that will act as a committee assisting by coordinating with various agencies in the implementation of RAP.**
- Will have representation from all local level stakeholders who matters in to keep Delhi's air clean.**

Sincerely

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CC: Sect. Min of Environment, forests and climate Change, GOI

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