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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 part of the air pollution control efforts arising from this sector parking policies need to be prioritized as a demand management measure in the NCR.

2. The Hon'ble Supreme Court on August 10, 2020, taking note of the adverse contribution to the air quality in NCR from this sector, had directed the then five Urban Local Bodies in Delhi and other concerned authorities in NCR to frame detailed comprehensive parking plan for the NCR. Further, the

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Hon'ble Supreme Court also took cognizance of high contribution of the vehicular sector towards the overall AQI in Delhi-NCR in series of hearings during the winter months of 2023-24.

3. The Committee of Secretaries chaired by the Cabinet Secretary, in its review meetings in the context of poor air quality in Delhi-NCR particularly during the winter months, from time to time *inter alia* observed and recommended as under:

Meeting dated 04.12.2023

"Chief Secretary, Delhi and CAQM may monitor implementation of various plans to curb vehicular pollution in NCR including time bound implementation of measures to augment public transport facilities , imposition of rational parking charges etc."

Meeting dated 17.01.2024

"..... In addition, rational parking charges, congestion/ peak hour charges may be considered for disincentivizing use of private vehicles...."

Meeting dated 10.04.2024

".... The rationalization of congestion and parking charges for private vehicles are yet to be taken up by the ULBs in Delhi and NCR."

4. An emergency response towards adverse air quality that generally prevails in Delhi-NCR during the winter months viz. the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) was first formulated and notified in 2017 as directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. This action plan is implemented in the entire NCR on a year-to-year basis during such periods of high / adverse AQI in Delhi. These guidelines also *inter alia* mandate rationalizing / enhancing private vehicle parking charges in the NCR with a view to disincentivize use of private vehicles and switching over to public transport in lieu thereof.

5. Towards the above noted objectives, review meetings have also been held from time to time in the Commission with the ULBs, Transport and

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Environment Departments of the NCR States and GNCTD. Recent communications made in this particular context by the Commission include letter No. A-11011/07/2021/CAQM-VP dated 29.01.2024 followed up by a D.O. letter from the Chairperson vide No. A-11011/07/2021/CAQM-VP dated 02.02.2024.

6. Despite the above noted orders, directions and guidelines on the subject, limited progress on these fronts leaves a lot to be desired from the authorities concerned in the GNCTD and NCR states.

7. While the GNCTD notified the Delhi Maintenance and Management of Parking Rules, 2019' and related guidelines as a demand management measure, the NDMC and MCD are yet to develop and implement ward-wise, parking area management plan along with pricing strategies for private vehicle parking. Other NCR states are also yet to notify the respective Parking Rules and guidelines *inter-alia* including Parking Area Management Plans and vehicle parking charges.

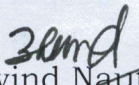
8. GNCTD and the State Governments of Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh apprised the Commission of some progress made in the respective plans for development and management of private vehicle parking infrastructure.

9. There has, however, been virtually no progress in as far as rationalization / optimization of private vehicle parking charges is concerned, barring limited intervention by the NDMC wherein the vehicle parking fees was doubled in 91 surface parking lots operated by NDMC, but limitedly during the critical air pollution period under the purview of the GRAP. These have also since been restored to normal charges. All other departments / agencies in the NCT of Delhi and the NCR states are however, yet to take up this vital exercise and the desired momentum and concerted efforts towards effective management of vehicle parking and rationalization of parking charges are still found lacking.

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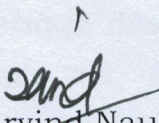
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10. Accordingly, with a view to abate air pollution through abnormally large numbers of private vehicles plying in Delhi-NCR, the ULBs and other agencies concerned are hereby advised to firm up the issue in right earnest and the exercise of disincentivizing private vehicles by way of rationalizing the parking charges be completed and implemented expeditiously, but not later than 30.08.2024 and a compliance report is submitted to the Commission.


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