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IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND ADJOINING AREAS**

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ADVISORY FROM THE COMMISSION

Subject: Regulations for use of DG sets in NCR.

Sir,

As is well established, amongst other contributors, uncontrolled use of Diesel Generator (DG) sets is a major contributing factor for deterioration of air quality in the entire National Capital Region.

2. Till the winter season of 2022, in wake of generally prevailing adverse air quality in NCR, the Commission vide its Directions No. 54-57 dated 08.02.2022, while generally banning the use of DG sets in NCR during the restrictions under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), detailed out the following emergency purposes / services for which DG sets could be used, even under the period of ban imposed under the GRAP:

- (i) Elevators / Escalators / Travelators etc. in various installations.
- (ii) Medical Services (Hospital/Nursing Home/Health care facilities) including units involved in manufacturing of life saving medical equipment/devices, drugs and medicines.
- (iii) Railway Services / Railway Stations.
- (iv) Metro Rail Corporation & MRTS Services, including trains and stations.
- (v) Airports and Inter-State Bus Terminals (ISBTs).
- (vi) Sewage Treatment Plants.
- (vii) Water pumping Stations.
- (viii) Projects related to national security, defence & of national importance.
- (ix) Entities involved in telecommunications and IT/ data services.

3. The above noted dispensation / relaxation towards limited use of DG sets was to avoid disruption to emergent services in the backdrop of limited certified technologies/ devices being available towards abatement of high levels of air pollution from such DG sets.

4. Over the period, through detailed technical deliberations and consultations with the concerned stakeholders, the Commission evolved the means for substantial emission reduction from use of DG sets through