

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

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Date: 13.03.2026

ORDER

**Subject: Relaxation in Standard List of Approved Fuels stipulated under Direction
No. 65 dated 23.06.2022, as amended – reg.**

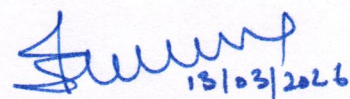
In view of the prevailing extraordinary situation arising due to disruptions in global energy supply, issuance of Natural Gas (Supply Regulation) Order, 2026 by the Central Government for maintaining supplies and securing equitable distribution and availability of natural gas for priority sectors, the Advisory dated 12.03.2026 issued by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) / Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) to permit use of alternative fuels and representations received from various stakeholders highlighting operational challenges in the present circumstances, the Commission undertook a review of the matter in consultation with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and the City Gas Distribution agencies operating in the National Capital Region.

2. Based on the review and considering the prevailing circumstances, the Commission is of the view that temporary limited relaxation in the standard list of approved fuels stipulated under Direction No. 65 dated 23.06.2022, as amended, needs to be granted.

3. Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred under the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021, the Commission hereby permits the temporary use of alternate fuels such as High Speed Diesel (HSD), Biomass and RDF (Refuse-Derived Fuel) pellets in place of natural gas by

the industries/ hotels/ restaurants/ other enterprises in the National Capital Region (including NCT of Delhi) as an interim arrangement for a period of one month from the date of this Order or until further orders, whichever is earlier. However, in case of limitation in availability of such alternative fuels, the use of coal/ kerosene would also be permitted for the said temporary period.

4. All other provisions of Direction No. 65 dated 23.06.2022, as amended, shall remain unchanged and continue to remain in force.


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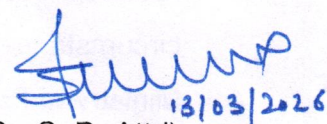
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