

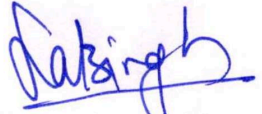
Government of India  
Department of Personnel & Training  
Central Civil Services Cultural & Sports Board

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Room No. 361, Khan Market  
New Delhi,  
Dated, 21st November, 2025

**CIRCULAR**

**Subject: Postponement of Athletic Wards Meet (23.11.2025)**

With reference to letter no. 120190/1/2024-MERD-1644 dated 19.11.2025, issued by the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) in NCR regarding the postponement of physical sports competitions scheduled in November–December, and further with reference to circular no. DE41/Sports/2025/Misc/5466-81 GNCT dated 20.11.2025 issued by the Directorate of Education and Sports, GNCTD, the Athletic Wards Meet scheduled to be held on 23.11.2025 organised by CCSCSB (DOPT) at Vinay Marg Sports Ground, New Delhi, is hereby postponed until further orders.

  
(Satyendra Singh)  
Secretary, CCSCSB

To

All concerned

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY DELHI  
DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION & SPORTS  
OLD SECRETARIAT: DELH-110054

DE41/Sports/2025/Misc/5466-81

Dated: 20/11/2025

**CIRCULAR**

**Subject: Directions of CAQM with reference to Sports Activities**

The Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas vide letter no. F. No. 12019/01 I 2024-MERD- 1644 dated 19.1.2025 has stated as under:-

*"The commission deems it necessary for the NCR State Governments and the Government of NCT of Delhi to take immediate and appropriate action to ensure that such physical sport competitions scheduled in the months of November and December may be postponed keeping in view the Air Quality trends prevailing in the area where such events are scheduled to be organised."*

Accordingly, all Institutions under the Government of NCT of Delhi including Schools of Government/ Government Aided/ Unaided Recognized Private Schools of DoE, NDMC, MCD and Delhi Cantonment Board, Universities and Colleges, Sports Associations recognized by the National Sports Federations/Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, GOI are directed to ensure strict compliance of the above directions till further orders.

This issues with the prior approval of the Competent Authority



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Deputy Director of Education(Sports)

DE41/Sports/2025/Misc/5466-81

Dated: 20/11/2025

Copy to:

1. Secretary to Hon'ble CM, GNCT of Delhi.
2. Secretary to Hon'ble MoE, GNCT of Delhi.
3. PA to Secretary (Education), GNCT of Delhi.
4. PA to Director (Education), GNCT of Delhi.
5. DG, Sports Authority of India
6. Director (Higher Education), GNCT of Delhi with the request to issue directions to all concerned

F.No F. No. 12019/01/2024-MERD-1644  
COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT  
IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND ADJOINING AREAS

17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Jawahar Vyapar Bhawan,  
(STC Building), Tolstoy Marg,  
New Delhi-110001

Dated: 19/11/2025

To,

The Chief Secretary,  
Government of NCT of Delhi / Haryana / Rajasthan / Uttar Pradesh

**Subject: Postponement of physical sport competitions scheduled in  
November-December – reg.**

Sir,


The Hon'ble Supreme Court, while hearing the matter related to air pollution in Delhi-NCR in WP(C) No. 13029 of 1985 titled as MC Mehta Vs. Union of India & Ors., has expressed concern regarding the impact of poor and severe air quality on children participating in physical sport competitions held by schools. It was brought to the Court's attention that such events are being conducted during periods of hazardous air quality, potentially compromising the health of students involved.

2. After considering this matter, the Hon'ble Supreme Court asked the Commission to issue appropriate directions to schools in Delhi-NCR to postpone sports and game competitions scheduled for the months of November and December. This observation was made in view of the potential adverse health effects, especially on children, arising from participation in physical sport competitions held during the periods of adverse air quality in the months of November and December.

3. To discuss and address the issue, in view of the observations of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, an urgent consultative meeting with stakeholders


concerned was held by the Commission on 19.11.2025. In the meeting, representatives of the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, NCR State Governments / GNCTD, Sports Authority of India, NCR SPCBs and DPCC participated.

4. Taking note of the observations of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and discussions held in the meeting, the Commission deems it necessary for the NCR State Governments and the Government of NCT of Delhi to take immediate and appropriate action to ensure that such physical sport competitions scheduled in the months of November and December may be postponed keeping in view the Air Quality trends prevailing in the area where such events are scheduled to be organised. It is important that, in making this decision, the respective Governments also consider the need to ensure that students who are unable to participate due to the postponement are not unduly disadvantaged. The Governments should explore ways to reschedule such events or provide alternative opportunities for students to engage in similar activities at a later time, without compromising their health or academic progress.

  
(Dr. S. D. Attri) 19/11/2025  
Member (Technical)

**Copy for information and necessary action to:**

1. The Chairperson and Members of the Commission
2. The Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India
3. The Secretary in charge, Education Department, NCR States / GNCTD
4. The DG, Sports Authority of India
5. The President, School Games Federation of India
6. The Member Secretaries, NCR SPCBs / DPCC

  
(Dr. S. D. Attri) 19/11/2025  
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