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Respected Bhupendra ji,

This is to again remind you of the concerns raised vide D.O. letter dated 30/8/2024, 10/10/2024 and 23/10/2024 regarding Delhi's air quality during the winter months, when smog and environmental degradation lead to hazardous air pollution levels and to consider cloud seeding as an emergency measure. As on date in Delhi the AQI has already crossed the 450 level and GRAP-IV has been invoked and all the measures under GRAP-IV are being strickly taken in Delhi.

Delhi Government has already implemented the Winter Action Plan w.e.f. 25th Sept.,2024 to combat air pollution and is making continuous efforts to explore alternate solutions for immediate relief to improve the air quality.

Cloud seeding is a process that involves the artificial induction of rain, to reduce air pollution by washing out pollutants from the atmosphere. The Government of Delhi with the help of IIT Kanpur has last year explored cloud seeding as an emergency measure to artificially induce rain and reduce air pollution during such critical periods and noticed that prior clearances from various agencies are required to implement the same.

Considering that Air Quality in Delhi has turned in severe+ category, I believe it is immediately required to consider the use of this method in present situation.

In view of the above, I once again request you to immediately convene an emergency meeting with Delhi Govt, IIT Kanpur and all other central Government Departments/agencies like DGCA, MHA, Ministry of Defence etc. involved in issuing NOC/clearance to conduct cloud seeding in Delhi, as an emergency measure.

With Regards,

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