

The 2025 claim, the evidence, and what is asked

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THE WHO GUIDELINE
Delhi PM2.5, 2025.

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DAYS WORSE IN 2025
Than 'Satisfactory'.

67

DAYS IN A ROW, 2026
Worse than last year.

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TESTS PASSED
No policy is credited.

WHAT THE EVIDENCE SHOWS

The celebrated fall does not survive weather correction.

Fine particles fell 7.4 per cent on a fixed set of stations. Corrected for weather, the change cannot be told apart from zero.

The headline rests on one freak month.

January 2024, the base month, averaged 6.58 km/h of wind. Every other January since 2018 ran between 8.24 and 9.39.

The GRAP season shows nothing.

July to December did not improve on any basis. October to December was worse. The whole annual fall sits in January to June.

December 2025 was the worst on our corrected record.

Still winds explain about half the spike. About 24 AQI points of real worsening remain, inside the year being celebrated.

Nitrogen dioxide worsened, and none of it is weather.

Up 7.1 per cent on the monitors, and 7.7 per cent after correction. The rise is real.

No policy is credited by any of three tests.

No break at the policy dates. Fires counted lower but burnt area flat. Lucknow, Kanpur and Jaipur improved with none of Delhi's machinery.

The air is worse now than it was then.

Weather removed, coarse particles have sat above last year for 67 days running, and on 143 of 216 days measured in 2026.

WHAT IS ASKED OF THE COMMITTEE

- 01** Report Delhi-NCR air annually as population-weighted PM2.5 against the WHO guideline and the national standards, with confidence intervals.
- 02** Publish year-on-year trends on a fixed set of stations, weather removed, with stated uncertainty, and print the corrected series beside the raw one daily.
- 03** Set a statutory trajectory to the national standards by a fixed year, with annual milestones and accountability for a missed year.
- 04** Confront the pollution from vehicles and combustion, which worsened in real terms in the year the Government celebrates.
- 05** Act all twelve months. The GRAP season itself shows no improvement across five seasons.
- 06** Summon the Commission to answer the 67-day run: which source cut, and which enforcement action, is supposed to have worked?
- 07** Order an independent annual audit of Delhi-NCR air quality, laid before this Committee.

READING

Reading: the seven findings of the submission on the left, each with the figure behind it, and the seven directions asked for on the right.

CAUTION

Caution: a weather-corrected figure is a model estimate, not a measurement. Its band is about 2 to 3 percentage points on an annual change. Where a change sits inside that band, this sheet says so rather than quoting a number.

SOURCE

CPCB station data via CREA, 2021 to 5 August 2026; ERA5 and Open-Meteo hourly weather; PIB release 2210305 of 31 December 2025; CAQM Annual Report 2024-25. De-weathering adjudicated 13 June 2026, refit weekly.

THE POINT

The Government's figures are genuine. What they describe is a year of weather, and a city whose own pollution has run above last year for 67 days without a break.