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To,

Prof. Dr. Medha Vishram Kulkarni, MP

Hon'ble Chairperson, Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on
Science & Technology, Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Rajya Sabha, New Delhi

Subject: Delhi's air, and the official claim of improvement in 2025.

Dear Madam,

We enclose a data-based submission on Delhi's air quality, together with a one-page summary for the Committee's convenience.

On 31 December 2025 the Commission for Air Quality Management announced a "record" and a "marked improvement". Our team examined the underlying data independently, on the Government's own monitoring record, with the weather removed. The Commission's arithmetic is correct, and the submission says so. The conclusion drawn from it does not survive. Once the weather is removed, the celebrated fall cannot be told apart from no change at all, and since that announcement Delhi's own pollution has run above the same days of last year for **67 consecutive days**.

As Hon'ble Chairperson, we would urge you to take this matter up: to summon the Commission and the Ministry, and to direct that Delhi's air be reported honestly, in micrograms against the World Health Organization guideline and the national standards, on a fixed set of stations, with the weather removed and the uncertainty stated. The submission closes with seven specific directions, each of them auditable.

This is, above all, a public-health emergency, and we would welcome the opportunity to depose before the Committee.

With warm regards,

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Encl.: the submission on Delhi's air, and a one-page summary.

Copy to: Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.