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To,

Shri Bhupender Yadav

Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Government of India, New Delhi

Subject: Delhi's air quality in 2025 and 2026, and the official claim of improvement.

Dear Sir,

We enclose a data-based submission on Delhi's air quality, together with a one-page summary. We are forwarding the same to the Hon'ble Chairperson of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

At the outset, one thing is not in dispute. Every figure the Ministry published reproduces from the raw station record, to within about three micrograms in every year, and the submission says so. What it contests is what those figures mean. Once the weather is removed, the 2025 fall cannot be told apart from no change at all. The GRAP season shows no improvement, nitrogen dioxide worsened in real terms, and three pre-registered tests credit no policy with a real cut.

The position today is worse, not better. With the weather removed, Delhi's own coarse-particle pollution has run above the same days of last year for **67 consecutive days**, and on 143 of the 216 days measured this year.

We place this before you as an argument about measurement and honest reporting, not as a dispute about the Ministry's arithmetic. We would be glad to place the full data and methods before your officials.

With warm regards,

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