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ORDER

Subject : Implementation of Action Plans for Prevention and Elimination of Wheat Stubble Burning in 2026-Direction No. 96 of CAQM.

Whereas, the Secretary to the Government of Punjab, Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Punjab, has issued DO Letter No. SSTE/PPCB/2026/24 dated 19.03.2026 regarding the implementation of Direction No. 96 (F. No. A-110018/01/2021-CAQM/73/VK dated 13.02.2026) under Section 12 of the CAQM Act, 2021, issued by the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), for enforcement in the respective districts of the State.

And whereas, with the approach of the wheat harvesting season of 2026, it is imperative to draw urgent attention to the critical issue of crop residue burning. Data from the 2025 wheat harvesting season indicates that Punjab recorded 10,207 fire events between 1st April and 31st May, which continues to be a matter of serious concern for air quality in the region.

Now therefore, in view of the above, these directions, being statutory in nature, mandate the State Government to undertake proactive measures to completely eliminate wheat stubble burning. In order to ensure compliance in letter and spirit, the following officers are hereby designated as Nodal Officers for overseeing and ensuring effective implementation of measures to prevent crop residue burning during the wheat harvesting season, 2026:

1. Appointment of Nodal Officers:

The officers listed below shall act as Nodal Officers for their respective jurisdictions/assignments:

Sr. No.	Nodal officer	Assigned Duties as per directions
1	All Sub Divisional Magistrate of District Amritsar.	Enforcement & Patrolling: Constitute a "Parali Protection Force" (PPF) comprising officials from the Police, Agriculture, and Revenue departments. Intensify patrolling during late evening hours to prevent farmers from evading satellite detection. (Order No. MA/396-405 dated 07.04.2026 has already been issued separately in this regard).
2	Chief Agriculture Officer, Amritsar.	Micro-level Mapping & Monitoring: Ensure every farm is mapped for a specific management mode (in-situ, ex-situ, or fodder). Assign a Nodal Officer to groups of no more than 100 farmers to ensure close monitoring and accountability.
3	Deputy Registrar, Co-operative Society, Amritsar.	Machinery & Support: Guarantee the timely availability of CRM machines via mobile apps and mandate rent-free access for small and marginal farmers through Custom Hiring Centers (CHCs).
4	Executive Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Amritsar.	Supply Chain & Storage: Formulate a District Level Supply Chain Management Plan for wheat straw and ensure adequate storage facilities are identified to minimize fire risks. Environmental Compensation: Ensure the strict imposition and realization of Environmental Compensation (EC) charges against any Individual found resorting to stubble burning.



2. Roles and Responsibilities:

The Nodal Officers shall:

- Ensure strict enforcement of directions issued under the CAQM Act, 2021.
- Monitor incidents of crop residue burning on a daily basis within their jurisdiction.
- Coordinate with local administration, agriculture departments, and enforcement agencies.
- Conduct awareness campaigns to educate farmers on the harmful effects of stubble burning and promote alternative methods.
- Ensure availability and use of crop residue management (CRM) machinery.
- Submit daily/weekly reports to the District Administration regarding compliance status.
- Take immediate action in case of any violation, as per applicable laws and guidelines.
- To ensure monthly status report on the progress of these action plans. So, the report may be sent to the Government of Punjab and CAQM.

3. Accountability:

Any lapse in compliance or negligence in duty shall be viewed seriously, and the concerned officer shall be held accountable as per rules.

4. Effective Date:

This order shall come into force with immediate effect and remain applicable throughout the wheat harvesting season of 2026.

This order has been issued as per the approval of the Competent Authority.



[Signature]
Addl. Deputy Commissioner (G),
Amritsar.

Endrst No. MA/LFA(3) 414-426

Dated:- 15/04/2026

A copy is forwarded to the following officer of information and necessary action please:-

1. The Secretary to the Government of Punjab, Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Chandigarh.
2. Commissioner of Police, Amritsar (City).
3. Senior Superintendent of Police, Amritsar (Rural).
4. Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD), Amritsar.
5. Additional Deputy Commissioner (RD), Amritsar.
6. All Sub Divisional Magistrate of District Amritsar.
7. Chief Agriculture officer, Amritsar.
8. Executive Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Amritsar.
9. District Controller, Food civil Supply and Consumer Affairs, Amritsar.
10. Deputy Registrar, Co-operative Society, Amritsar.
11. PA to Deputy Commissioner
12. DIO, NIC, Amritsar.

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Addl. Deputy Commissioner (G),
Amritsar.