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Respected Sir,

With the onset of winter season, Delhi faces a critical phase of air pollution due to metrological conditions like wind pattern, low temperature etc. which aggravates the pollution level specially concentration of particulate PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ in Delhi's air.

The detailed analysis of ambient air data shows that particulate matters like $PM_{2.5}$ and PM₁₀; gaseous pollutants like NO₂, CO and secondary pollutants like NH₃ show an increasing trend in the month of October and November which coincide with agricultural burning in neighbouring states.

The events of major agriculture fires were observed and reported by NASA Aqua Satellite natural color image with the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) in the previous years and same is available in public domain.

In view thereof, may I request you to kindly direct concerned Authorities in the neighbouring States of Delhi, most particularly Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and UP to prevent burning of agriculture residue so that the pollution levels in Delhi may be restricted during the critical period.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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