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To

Mr. Prakash Javadekar

Honourable Minister

Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change

Government of India

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001

### Subject: Regarding alarming air quality levels in the country

Respected Sir,

We, at Indian Medical Association, headquartered in Delhi, believe that clean air is the principal prerequisite to sustain healthy lives of people. Air pollution in recent years has become one of the most pressing issues globally making it the fifth largest cause for premature death. Studies show that the number of premature deaths due to air pollution in India is only a fraction less than that of deaths due to smoking. Polluted air from being just an environmental issue has become a massive health and an economic crisis.

Situation is equally alarming in Delhi, Month wise PM 10 analysis of the data available from Delhi Pollution Control Committee (January to December 2018), obtained from the monitoring stations installed in Delhi, indicated that PM 10 values were 225 µg/m<sup>3</sup> much higher than the prescribed annual standard of 60 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

IMA had organized an International Conference on combating Air Pollution on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 at New Delhi which was attended by experts from WHO, DPCC, CPCB, DMRC, MoHFW, NGT and other national and international delegates. IMA also issued an Advisory based on the outcome of the Conference.

Several studies and media reports are supportive of the fact that immediate measures are required to be taken at all levels to curb the pollution menace.

We acknowledge that the ministry has launched the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in January 2019. The NCAP offers tentative targets of 20-30% reduction of air pollution levels by 2024.

We, at IMA echo with the policy interventions such as NCAP and take this opportunity to offer a couple of recommendations: -

- Immediate implementation of NCAP in all the non-attainment cities of the country**
- Include all polluted Indian cities under National clean air programme**
- Increase number of monitoring stations across the country**

Indian Medical Association is committed to robust the country by securing healthy lives, in all forms, to the citizens of the country. We shall be glad if the ministry accepts our recommendations.

Regards

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