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Delhi Air Pollution | Supreme Court Asks CAQM To Consider Directing Postponement Of School Sports Activities In NCR

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The Supreme Court on Wednesday (November 19) requested the Commission of Air Quality Management (CAQM) to consider issuing directions to the schools in the Delhi-National Capital Region to postpone the sports and game competitions scheduled in November-December to safer months after improvements in the air quality.

A bench comprising **Chief Justice of India BR Gavai** and **Justice K Vinod Chandran** passed the direction after concerns were raised about the holding of sports competitions at a time when the Air Quality Index has plummeted to dangerous levels.





Senior Advocate Aparajita Singh, the amicus curiae in the matter, informed the bench that several NCR schools are going to hold sports meet in November in the middle of severe air pollution. "Children are most vulnerable, holding sports now is like putting them in gas chambers," she submitted.

Considering the submission, the bench requested the CAQM to consider passing directions to shift the sports activities to safer months. The bench was also informed that a petition seeking the same relief is coming up before the Delhi High Court today afternoon. The bench said that the Delhi High Court may pass such directions as deemed fit.

The direction was passed in the *MC Mehta* case where the Court is considering the air pollution issue in the NCR.

