

**Minutes of the meeting on
'Open Burning of Agriculture Crop Residue in Northern India' &
'Action Taken by NCR States on Directions by CPCB on prevention, control or abatement
of air pollution Delhi & NCR'**

The seventh review meeting to discuss the issues of open burning of agriculture crop residue and status of action taken on directions by CPCB on prevention, control or abatement of air pollution Delhi & NCR was held in CPCB, Parivesh Bhavan, Delhi on September 22, 2017. The meeting was chaired by the Chairman, CPCB. List of participants is attached at Annexure-I.

Chairman, CPCB welcomed the participants and emphasized on all possible actions including stricter enforcement for control of stubble burning and graded action plan in view of the U-17 FIFA World Cup, Diwali and critical winter season. Representatives of SPCBs of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab and Delhi and other agencies were requested for updates on actions taken and preparedness to deal with air pollution problem during winter. He also apprised the participants about extensive field visits by CPCBs teams in Delhi to get ground level feedback on air polluting sources and level of implementation of action identified. The actions reported by various States are summarized below:

Haryana: It was informed that the issue of stubble burning is being dealt with utmost sincerity and monitored at the highest level. Various efforts taken so far include meetings with stakeholders and video conferencing with District Collectors, incentives to farmers, monitoring through satellite data, mass awareness including discussion with villagers, village panchayats, schools, forest department and media. Active burning sites are being reported to concerned DCs and HSPCB.

Punjab: Several measures including issuance of directions to DCs, SDMs, real time information on stubble burning cases by Punjab Remote Sensing Centre through satellite data, advertisements on newspapers & TV, awareness being created by Department of Agriculture, and ambient air quality being monitored in rural areas.

Uttar Pradesh: Agriculture universities are involved in creating awareness among panchayats and farmers. The establishment of control room is under process and expected to be functional in next 15 days. The garbage burning has been reduced.

Rajasthan: It was reported that agriculture stubble burning is not an issue in the State. With regard to Industrial pollution control, unauthorised brick kilns in NCR have been closed.

Delhi: Installation of 20 real time monitoring stations is expected to be completed by 15th October. Actions are being monitored regularly. DPCC is coordinating with FIFA, and sports authority. Police patrolling during period 1st October to March has been increased.

Following decisions were taken:

1. NCR States to have regular field inspections in the cities (Ghaziabad, Noida, Faridabad, Gurugram etc.) to keep a check on sources of air pollution
2. Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board must ensure closure of unauthorized brick kilns.
3. DPCC to visit Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium and other FIFA venues for short term measures required to be taken before the event and submit a summary of actions taken to CPCB.
4. All the departments including the Traffic Police to make daily press release on the steps being taken by the Department in view of the World Cup event.
5. MCDs to make short term action plan for any unforeseen situation in the landfill sites.
6. A feedback of the actions taken may be submitted to CPCB both for agriculture burning and actions taken on Directions issued by CPCB
7. Delhi Police to take special steps to prevent sale of unauthorized fire crackers.

Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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