

**Minutes of tenth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan
held on October 23, 2017 at CPCB, Delhi**

Tenth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), was convened on October 23, 2017, at Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi. List of participants is annexed. The meeting was chaired by Shri. A. Sudhakar, Member Secretary, CPCB. Dr. Siddhartha Singh, IMD and Dr. George, DPCC joined through Video conferencing. List of participants is attached at Annexure – I.

Dr. Prashant Gargava, AD & Head, AQMDivision welcomed the participants and complimented all concerned officers and teams for the efforts put in for ensuring better air quality in comparison to last year during the period. He shared that recent air quality of Delhi has shown a decreasing trends and weather situations have been supportive. However it is anticipated that during upcoming winters, air quality of Delhi and NCR may deteriorate. Task Force recommended that responsible implementing agencies like transport department, municipalities etc., may be pursued continually for strict implementation of the identified actions, during the period.

Dr. Gargava requested DPCC to send action taken report on the feedback reports from CPCB as well as Task Force recommendations made time to time. DPCC was requested to submit brief report in next Task Force meeting on the various steps taken to control PM levels at Anand Vihar area. Dr. T.K. Joshi informed, on the possibility of contribution of Ghazipur landfill site to Anand Vihar station. Dr. Gargava requested DPCC to examine the area with emphasis on 24 hourly exposure of residential populace in Anand Vihar, to identify the locations with maximum population exposure in the vicinity for framing effective localized action plan.

Dr. Joshi emphasized that burning at landfill sites of Ghazipur and Bhalswa may be impacting to quality of air to an appreciable extent. Dr. Gargava suggested that a detailed study needs to be carried out on this issue. MS, CPCB stated that in view upcoming winters many actions are supposed to be completed by now, such as closure of hot mix plants etc. He informed, that NHAI has been called for meeting by EPCA on October 24, 2017, to discuss the issue of road dust resuspension especially on NH-24.

Dr. Siddhartha, IMD informed that there will be clear sky conditions with mist in the morning from October 25 – 29, 2017, with no chances of fog. There will be slight increase in the wind speed on October 28 & 29, 2017. Dr. Gargava requested IMD to update and send SMS alerts on continuous basis to Task Force members.

The Task Force is tracking Air Quality of Delhi/NCR on regular basis and will be meeting on every Monday to analyse the data.

Meeting ended with thanks to chair.

List of participants:

1. Shri. A Sudhakar, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board.
2. A. K. Tiwari, RO, Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (Greater Noida).
3. Shri. S. S. Singh, AEE, Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (Noida).
4. Shri. B.K.Singh, AEE, Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (Ghaziabad).
5. Dr. T.K. Joshi, Medical Expert.
6. Dr. Prashant Gargava, Head AQM, Central Pollution Control Board.
7. Ms. Garima Sharma, Environment Engineer, Central Pollution Control Board.
8. Ms. Sakshi Batra, SSA, Central Pollution Control Board.

