

**Minutes of Forty Fourth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan held on  
January 03, 2019 at CPCB, Delhi**

Forty fourth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), was convened on January 03, 2019. The meeting was chaired by the Member Secretary, CPCB. The list of participants is annexed.

Task Force reviewed current air quality situation. The 'Severe +' condition has continued for 31 hrs consecutively exceeding 300  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  for  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ . It is observed that while  $\text{PM}_{10}$  levels are marginally exceeding 500  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ,  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  levels are much higher reaching upto 350  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . Therefore, combustion sources require priority attention.

As per IMD feedback, presently the wind speed is around 10 kmph and is likely to increase resulting in better dispersion. Further, there is forecast of rain on 5<sup>th</sup> evening and 6<sup>th</sup> night.

In view of the above, Task Force opines that measures already in force must continue with intensified action by implementing agencies particularly with regard to Traffic congestion, open burning of waste, industrial emissions etc. In case the situation does not improve by tomorrow morning, entry of truck traffic into Delhi (except essential commodities) may be stopped. People must minimize use of personal vehicles and avoid prolonged exposure.

Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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**List of participants:**

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4. Dr. T. K. Joshi, Advisor, Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change
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6. Shri Kuldeep Singh, Haryana State Pollution Control Board
7. Sh Ankit Singh, AEE, (Ghaziabad), Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
8. Sh A.K. Kaushik, ASO, (Noida) Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
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