

Review Meeting on Action Taken on Air Pollution in Delhi NCR

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Date : 08.12.2016

Time : 11.00 AM

Venue : Central Pollution Control Board, Conference Hall, 2nd Floor, Parivesh Bhawan, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110032

In continuation to the meeting held under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on 04.11.2016 with senior officers from NCR States viz., Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, NCT of Delhi and Punjab to discuss measures for control of air pollution in Delhi and NCR a meeting was convened under the Chairmanship of Chairman CPCB, on 8th December 2016 at 11.00 AM in the Conference Hall, 2nd Floor, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi – 110032, to review the progress of action taken on measures to control pollution on 42 action points with in the States of Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi. The list of participants in the meeting is given at **Annexure-I**.

Chairman, CPCB welcomed the participants and emphasized in his opening remarks that implementation of 42 action points should be taken up on priority as poor air quality affects health of the people. Agenda for the meeting was briefed, which included review on the action taken on the Direction 18(1)(b) issued to State Boards of Delhi, Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh on 29.12.2015, graded response of actions under various Air Quality Index (AQI) Categories, and Strengthening of Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations in NCR.

1) Review on the action taken on the Direction 18(1)(b) issued to State Boards of Delhi, Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh on 29.12.2015 with 42 action points

The state-wise action taken with regards to 42 action points was reviewed. The representative of NCR states apprised various actions taken, which are summarized below:

Delhi: Delhi has identified 15 major and 100 other congestion points to decongest. A proposal on Intelligent Traffic Management System has been submitted to Ministry of Urban Development. Further, small buses have been started on some routes. Use of DG sets has been banned upto 31st January 2017, use of fire crackers are banned. PWD has deployed 7 mechanical sweepers. Anand Vihar ambient air quality monitoring station is proposed to shift to a nearby residential area.

Rajasthan: The representative of Rajasthan informed that as per an NGT order, a meeting will be held on 19th December 2016 for formation of a sustainable plan. The detailed status submitted by Rajasthan SPCB is given at **Annexure-II**.

Uttar Pradesh: The representative of Uttar Pradesh informed that alternate routes have been identified and being used to avoid the entry of non-destined vehicles to Delhi; 9070 challans issued for PUC violations; all public vehicles converted to CNG in Meerut; battery operated vehicles are being used; fine are being imposed on burning of garbage; total 541 brick kilns are existing in Gautambudh Nagar and Ghaziabad out of which only 2 have been granted permission to operate, fine imposed on 36 builders including 4 in the Yamuna Expressway.

Haryana: The representative of Haryana informed that, deregistering 10 years old vehicles have commenced; plan for alternate routes for 11 lakh non-destined commercial vehicles is being prepared.

The following was agreed upon:

- The meeting to review implementation of 42 action points shall be held on the 2nd Thursday of every month. SPCBs may compile the information on actions taken by concerned agencies in respective States and provide overall status to CPCB.

- One nodal officer from each concerned agency may be identified and the name, e-mail address and contact number to be informed by 09.12.2016 to the Nodal Officers of CPCB (Dr. Sanjeev Agrawal, Addl. Director, sanjeevagrwal.cpcb@gmail.com, & Sh. Tarun Darbari, Scientist 'C', tarundarbari@gmail.com).
- Monthly reporting should specifically focus on actions during the month and also highlight impacts expected result of these actions.
- The matter of air pollution may be sensitized and explained to all the stakeholders involved in controlling air pollution. This would give a bigger and clear picture to the individuals so that the work is taken up with enthusiasm. Half day workshops at the agency/state level may be held to address the issue.

2) Graded Response of Actions Under Various Air Quality Index (AQI) Categories

A brief presentation was made by Dr. Prashant Gargava, Additional Director, CPCB on graded response action plan for various AQI Categories, which was submitted to Hon'ble Supreme court. Key elements action points, and implementation mechanism of the plan were informed. Sh. A. Shudhakar, Addl. Director, CPCB, appraised on Central Control Room of CPCB. The SAMEER App was also demonstrated to all the participants.

It was informed that while necessary direction will be issued shortly, various agencies will be required to set up control room for receiving and redressal of complaints on polluting activities.

The control rooms of all the agencies will linked to CPCB central control room, E-mail IDs, contact details of all the nodal officers for this matter may be sent to Nodal Officer CPCB (Sh. A. Sudhakar, Addl. Director, asudhakar.cpcb@nic.in).

3) Strengthening of Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations in all districts

Hon'ble Supreme court has also given direction on the proposal for strengthening ambient air quality monitoring network in NCR. Monitoring stations (12 manual as well 39 continuous), which are already planned or being setup, will be required to be operationalized by May 31st, 2017, as per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. State must plan their activates by April 30th, 2017 as per target date.

- DPCC informed that establishment of 20 CAAQMS, the process will be expedited.
- DPCC was advised to look at area specific problems, and action plans.
- CPCB had already released Rs. 118.02 Lacs for establishment of 30 AAQM stations to Haryana SPCB. Therefore, it was decided that these funds shall be utilised for establishment of 24 AAQM stations in NCR towns of Haryana, as per the proposal submitted to the Hon'ble Court (**Annexure-III**).

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.

Annexure-I**List of Participants on Review Meeting on Action Taken on Air Pollution**

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