MINUTES OF 40th REVIEW MEETING WITH PUBLIC AGENCIES & SPCBs ON DELHI NCR AIR QUALITY held on 28.12.2020

A meeting with implementing agencies in Delhi NCR, DPCC and SPCBs was held at CPCB on December 28, 2020 to review action taken for controlling air pollution in Delhi. The meeting was chaired by the MS, CPCB. List of participants is attached. (Annexure I)

- 2. MS, CPCB informed that as per feedback through social media platforms, and the CPCB teams on field, open dumping and burning of domestic and industrial waste, C&D waste, unpaved roads and road dust remain major areas of concern. He informed that with stubble burning almost coming to an end, the only two factors responsible are meteorology and local sources. He emphasized that since meteorology can't be controlled, the role of preventive actions, intensive monitoring of air polluting activities from these sources and adhering to norms along with enforcement by various agencies would be the key to keep air quality under control in the critical winter season.
- 3. Divisional Head, AQM described the present air quality scenario and shed light on the feedback received from the teams of CPCB assigned on field for inspections. He apprised that till 23.12.2020, 717 inspections were carried out and a total of 2717 complaints were lodged which show that most polluting area(s) in (i) Delhi are Mundka, Narela, Anand Vihar, Punjabi Bagh, Dwarka and Mayapuri; (ii) Haryana are Faridabad and Jhajjar; (iii) Uttar Pradesh are Ghaziabad, Meerut and Noida; and Rajasthan is Bhiwadi. He also informed about the special inspections carried out on 06.12.2020, 07.12.2020, and 22.12.2020. These inspections were construction site specific and review inspections revealed that Delhi Jal Board (DJB), North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC), Central Public Works Department (CPWD), Delhi Development Authority (DDA), East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC), and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) were not taking proper measures.
- 4. Divisional Head, AQM, pointed out a few complaints to which the representatives of DDA, EDMC, DJB, Bhiwadi, Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC), and NDMC assured that they would get it resolved.
- 5. Sc. 'D', IT Division elucidated the complaint redressal status on social media platforms and SAMEER app and pointed out that there are recurring complaints and complaints pending since over 3 years which need to be attended to at the earliest.
- 6. Further, it was informed about the 3 tier automated escalation mechanism in the SAMEER app which enables the complaint to be forwarded to higher authorities if not resolved within 48 hours.

Following decisions were taken:

- i). Agencies to take note of number of complaints, areas of concern and ensure the resolution within 48 hours (especially of the complaints pending since more than 3 years).
- ii). Agencies must ensure that construction sites follow dust mitigation measures at their sites and DPCC/SPCBs to issue direction according to the laws to violators.

- iii). SPCBs and DPCC to provide information regarding affidavit from major industries and construction projects as evidence to following with the environmental norms.
- iv). SPCBs and DPCC to provide information on actions initiated and challans issued for various air polluting activities on a weekly basis to CPCB.
- v). All SPCBs and DPCC to convene meetings to follow up with agencies regarding measures to be taken for control of air pollution and ensure that complaints on social media platforms and SAMEER app are resolved immediately.
- vi). Letter to be sent to senior authorities of DPCC, State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs), and public agencies indicating the redressal status on SAMEER app and social media platforms.

Meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

List of Participants:

- 1. Dr. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, CPCB
- 2. Shri C.L. Meena, EE, NDMC
- 3. Shri Praveen Kumar, RO, UPPCB, Noida
- 4. Shri Vikash Singhal, DGM/Env. DMRC
- 5. Shri Vivek Goel, RO RSPCB
- 6. Smt Akta Kumari, NHAI
- 7. Shri S.L. Meena, Pr. CE (M&F), PWD
- 8. Shri Shravan Kumar, SE South, PWD
- 9. Shri Vivek Roy, CEO, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
- 10. Shri Laxmi Narain, SE/Design, DDA
- 11. Shri Anil Malla, CGM, NBCC
- 12. Shri Deep Chandra, ACEO, GNIDA
- 13. Shri Sanjay Saxena, CE-II, I&FC
- 14. Shri Parbodh Pandey, DGM, Safety
- 15. Shri S.K. Bhardwaj, DJB
- 16. Shri S.K. Upadhyaya, DSIIDC
- 17. Shri Anand Singh, DTP
- 18. Sh. Rajender Kumar, DDA
- 19. Sh. Manas Samal, IND
- 20. Shri Manoj Kumar
- 21. Shri P.K. Dogra, Office of Cantonment Board
- 22. Shri Varun Singh
- 23. Shri Sanjay Gupta
- 24. Shri Aman Gupta
- 25. Shri Anil Kumar Gupta
- 26. Sh. Sachin
- 27. Sh. M.K. Jain
- 28. Sh. Dinesh Yadav
- 29. Additional Transport Commissioner, Haryana
- 30. Commissioner, MCG
- 31. Chief Engineer I, HSVP
- 32. Additional Commissioner, MCG

- 33. Representative, EDMC
- 34. CE, MC Faridabad
- 35. Commissioner, MC, Panipat
- 36. RO, Greater Noida, UPPCB
- 37. RO, Ghaziabad
- 38. RO, Meerut
- 39. RO, UPPCB, Muzaffarnagar
- 40. Representative, Gurugaram North
- 41. Joint Transport Commissioner
- 42. Representative, Transport Department, Delhi
- 43. Representative, Gurugram (N), HSPCB
- 44. Representative, Gurugram (S), HSPCB
- 45. Representative, Faridabad, HSPCB
- 46. Representative, DPCC
- 47. Representative, MC, Meerut
- 48. Representative, Secy, GDA
- 49. DFO, GMDA
- 50. ACP, Traffic, CGM
- 51. DC Shah, South
- 52. Representative, Ghaziabad Nagar Nigam
- 53. Shri Aditya Sharma, Scientist 'D', CPCB
- 54. Dr. Jai Bhagwan, Sr, Scientist, HSPCB
- 55. Shri P. K. Gupta, Additional Director and Head, AQM, CPCB
- 56. Shri Sharandeep Singh, Sc 'D', AQM, CPCB
- 57. Mrs. Shalini Manoj, RA, AQM, CPCB
- 58. Ms. Deuvshree Sharma, JRF, AQM, CPCB