Minutes of Fourteenth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan held on November 09, 2017 at CPCB, Delhi

Fourteenth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), was convened on November 09, 2017, at Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi. Member Secretary, DPCC and Dr.V. K. Soni, IMD joined through video conferencing. Meeting proceeding was coordinated by Dr. Prashant Gargava, Head AQM.

Task Force reviewed air quality situation for Delhi. It was observed that PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$ concentration have been exceeding 500 $\mu g/m^3$ and 300 $\mu g/m^3$ respectively, since 06:00 hrs on 07.11.17. As such the 'Severe +' situation has continued for 53 hrs consecutively exceeding 300 $\mu g/m^3$ for $PM_{2.5}$ and 52 hrs. consecutively exceeding 500 $\mu g/m^3$ for PM_{10} .

The present situation is likely to prevail till tomorrow (November 10, 2017), subsequently anticyclone over Delhi will get weakened. Ground wind speed are calm and prevailing direction in N and NW. Moisture content is also expected to reduce. IMD informed that pollution levels are expected to reduce from November 11, 2017 to 'Very Poor' AQI.

The Task Force, at this stage, is not making any further recommendations, and will meet again tomorrow i.e. November 10, 2017 to take stock of the situation.

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