Minutes of Sixteenth Meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan held on November 11, 2017

The Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) reviewed the air quality status and held consultation through telephone. Dr. V. K. Soni, IMD, Dr M P George, DPCC, Shri A. K. Tiwari, RO, Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (Greater Noida), Dr. B.B Awasthi, Regional Officer, Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (Noida), Mr Ajay Sharma, RO, Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (Ghaziabad), Dr. Jai Bhagwan Sharma, RO, Haryana State Pollution Control Board (Gurugram), and Dr. Prashant Gargava, Head AQM, Central Pollution Control Board participated.

It was observed that PM10 concentration started rising above $500 \,\mu\text{g/m3}$ since $16:00 \,\text{hrs}$ and PM2.5 above $300 \,\mu\text{g/m3}$ since $14:00 \,\text{hrs}$ on 11.11.17, resulting in 'Severe +' situation. It was informed by IMD that the wind flow from NW is likely to continue till 12th November. From 13th, it will flow towards NW under influence of western disturbance approaching Delhi. Shallow to moderate fog is expected. Pollution levels may show reduction from 13th. Light rains are expected on 15th November.

The Task Force does not make any further recommendations, and will discuss the issue again tomorrow i.e. November 12, 2017 to take stock of the situation.