

**Minutes of Seventeenth Meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan  
held on November 12, 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), Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board and Dr. Prashant Gargava, Head AQM participated.

It was observed that PM10 concentration started rising above 500  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  since 16:00 hrs and PM2.5 above 300  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  since 14:00 hrs on 11.11.17 i.e. continuance of 'Severe +' situation for 26 hrs and 28 hrs respectively (at 17:00 hrs on November 12, 2017) . 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. Pollution levels may show reduction from 13th. onwards. Light rains are expected on 15th November. Further, maximum mixing height is likely to increase during day, though mixing height is expected below 100 m at night time.

The actions required to be implemented under 'Severe +' conditions have already been intimated to EPCA. Therefore, the Task Force does not make any further recommendations, and advises that prior advised actions may be strictly continued.

The Task Force will meet tomorrow at 16:00 Hrs at CPCB.