

**Minutes of Twenty Seventh meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan  
held on September 28, 2018 at CPCB, Delhi**

Twenty Seventh meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) was convened on September 28, 2018 at Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi, in view of the preparedness for maintaining air quality in Delhi and NCR during the upcoming winters 2018-19. Meeting was chaired by Member Secretary, CPCB. The list of participants is annexed.

MS welcomed the participants and appraised the members about air quality of Delhi and adjacent NCR towns moving towards poor AQI in recent days. Dr. V. K. Soni, IMD informed that further deterioration of air quality is expected in coming days. MS, CPCB requested IMD to work out ventilation coefficient vis-à-vis AQI category based on art data/experience from Delhi. IMD proposed to conduct a workshop for nodal officers in CPCB to train on new forecasting instruments. MS, CPCB requested IMD to ensure that forecast for the period around Diwali and Crop residue burning is shared with the concerned agencies. Shri Soni, IMD also assured that early warning system will be active by mid-October.

Dr. T. K. Joshi, Advisor, MoEFCC, emphasized on extensive use of media for awareness in general public. He also addressed issue of unpaved roads as a major source of pollution and also requested concerned SPCB to check contribution from Aravalli hills mining.

Based on discussions following recommendations are made by Task Force:

- GRAP actions as per 'very poor' category may be implemented from October 15, 2018.
- DPCC, UPPCB and HSPCB ensure proactive & preventive actions by concerned agencies. Field teams to be deployed immediately, and also provide support to CPCB teams on field for ground actions.
- SPCBs Field teams to be sensitized for taking actions on ground on emergency basis and reporting.
- Strict vigilance & actions against violations in respect of construction & demolition activities, brick kilns, Industries, open burning, visibly polluting vehicles, etc.
- Weekly forecast by IMD to be forwarded to Member Secretaries and Regional Officers of NCR towns as well.
- All concerned SPCBs may issue public advisory through media.

Meeting ended with thanks to chair.

**List of participants**

1. Dr. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board
2. Shri V. K. Shukla, Incharge, Airlab (AQM), Central Pollution Control Board
3. Shri. S. K. Pal, Scientist 'B', Delhi Pollution Control Committee
4. Shri. A. K. Tiwari, RO (Ghaziabad and Greater Noida), Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
5. Shri. Anil Kumar Singh, RO (Noida), Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
6. Shri Sandeep Singh, RO (Faridabad), Haryana State Pollution Control Board
7. Dr. T. K. Joshi, Advisor, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
8. Dr. V. K. Soni, Scientist 'E', India Meteorological Department (Video conferencing)
9. Smt. Sakshi Batra, Central Pollution Control Board
10. Smt. Shalini Manoj, Central Pollution Control Board