

**Minutes of Thirty Sixth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan held on
November 14, 2018 at CPCB, Delhi**

Thirty Sixth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), was convened on November 14, 2018 to review ambient air quality status. The meeting was chaired by the Member Secretary, CPCB. The list of participants is annexed.

The Task force meeting was called specifically to discuss the suggestion made by Chairman, EPCA, regarding ban of private vehicles (except CNG operated). The air quality status was also reviewed. As per IMD forecast, it is expected to improve and remain under 'poor' or 'very poor' category till November 19, 2018.

The Task Force earlier had made a number of recommendations including preemptive action regarding ban of construction activities, industries using coal and biomass (excluding thermal power and waste to energy plants), entry of truck traffic to Delhi, etc. It has time and again emphasized that implementing agencies must ensure strict enforcement of GRAP and effectively deal with violations. It also appealed to the people to minimise use of private vehicles and make use of carpool and public transport.

In view of the above, the Task force recommends that strict enforcement by concerned agencies must continue. Emissions must be curtailed during night time when dispersion of air pollutants is limited. For this, agencies must be on alert and ensure necessary action. Further, it will be worthwhile if the measures already under implementation and suggestions on additional steps are discussed by EPCA.

Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

List of participants:

1. Dr. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board.
2. Shri V. K. Shukla, Scientist 'D', Central Pollution Control Board
3. Dr. T. K. Joshi, Health Expert
4. Shri Trilok Chand, EE, Delhi Pollution Control Committee
5. Smt. Ajeeta Dayal Agrawal, SEE, Delhi Pollution Control Committee
6. Dr.V. K. Soni, Scientist 'E', IMD, New Delhi (video conferencing)
7. Shri K. C. Gupta, RO (Bhiwadi), Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board
8. Dr Anil K. Singh, RO (Noida), Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board
9. Shri A.K.Tiwari, RO(Ghaziabad and Greater Noida), Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board
10. Shri Utsav Sharma, AEE (Greater Noida), Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board
11. Shri J. P. Maurya, AEE (Noida), Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board
12. Shri Kuldeep Singh, RO (Gurugram, North), Haryana State Pollution Control Board
13. Smt. Shalini Manoj, Central Pollution Control Board