

Minutes of Fortieth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan held on December 22, 2018 at CPCB, Delhi

Fortieth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), was convened on December 22, 2018 in response to the current high PM2.5 levels. The meeting was headed by the Member Secretary, CPCB. The list of participants is annexed (Annexure I).

Task Force reviewed the likely meteorology and air quality scenario for the coming days. As per IMD feedback, prolonged period of light winds, low temperature and low mixing height are likely to continue for next 3-5 days, resulting in poor dispersion of pollutants.

The current severe air quality may continue for next two/three days. Therefore, the Task Force recommends following measures to deal with the situation for consideration of EPCA:

- Agencies to intensify ground actions to enforce measures already in place, particularly to control emissions from vehicles and burning of biomass/garbage.
- Concerned agencies to increase surveillance about industrial waste dumping/burning specially in hotspots.
- Traffic police to ensure smooth flow of traffic including during long holidays.
- People to avoid use of private vehicles particularly diesel vehicles.
- Water sprinkling and mechanized sweeping to be intensified.
- People specially those with respiratory illness may minimize outdoor exposure for next 3-5 days.

Meeting ended with thanks to chair.

List of participants:

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2. Shri. S.M. Ali, Member Secretary, DPCC
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