

**Minutes of Forty First meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan held on  
December 24, 2018 at CPCB, Delhi**

Forty First meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), was convened on December 24, 2018, to review ambient air quality status. The meeting was chaired by the Member Secretary, CPCB. The list of participants is annexed. It was noted that PM<sub>2.5</sub> level is above 300 µg/m<sup>3</sup> since 19:00 Hrs on December 22, 2018 and PM<sub>10</sub> level is above 500 µg/m<sup>3</sup> since 01:00 Hrs on December 23, 2018.

As per IMD feedback, the situation might improve slightly but is likely to continue in severe category until afternoon of December 26, when wind speeds will pick up and improve dispersion of pollutants.

In view of this, Task Force recommends that in addition to actions suggested in its meeting of December 22, 2018 i.e. agencies to intensify ground actions and make all efforts to control polluting activities as per GRAP, following recommendations are made:

1. Industries located in hotspot industrial areas (Wazirpur, Mundka, Narela, Bawana, Sahibabad, Faridabad) to remain closed until December 26, 2018.
2. Construction activities in Delhi, Faridabad, Gurugram, Ghaziabad and Noida to remain closed till December 26, 2018.
3. Traffic police to deploy special teams and ensure congestion free traffic flow particularly in identified high traffic corridors.
4. Concerned police department to strictly ensure that non-destined heavy duty vehicles travel through eastern and western peripheral expressways.
5. Concerned agencies to ensure strict action against illegal industries.

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. Shri Ankush Tewani, Scientist 'D', Central Pollution Control Board
4. Dr. M.P. George, Scientist 'D', Delhi Pollution Control Committee
5. Shri A. K. Kaushik, A.S.O. (Noida), Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board
6. Smt Sapna Srivastava, A.S.O. (Ghaziabad), Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board
7. Shri Ramniwas Sharma, Scientist 'B', Haryana State Pollution Control Board
8. Dr. V. K. Soni, Scientist 'E', IMD, New Delhi (video conferencing)
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