

**Minutes of Forty Fifth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan held on  
January 18, 2019 at CPCB, Delhi**

Forty fifth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), was convened on January 18, 2019. The meeting was chaired by the Member Secretary, CPCB. The list of participants is annexed.

Task Force reviewed current air quality status and noted that severe plus situation which started at 07:00 Hrs on January 17, 2019 has shown declining trend. Dr. V. K. Soni, IMD informed that the situation will gradually improve. Rain and higher wind speeds are expected on January 21, 2019. As such, air quality is not likely to reach emergency levels till January 24, 2019.

In view of this, Task Force opined that there is no need to invoke additional measures. However, measures already in force must be intensified by implementing agencies particularly in the areas (Bawana, Mundka, Nehru Nagar, R.K. Puram, Rohini, Vivek Vihar, Ghaziabad, Noida, Faridabad, Gurugram) which showed higher levels of pollution. C&D activity, open dumping & burning of municipal solid waste, traffic congestion, which have been extensively reported by field teams, may require special attention. Similar actions may be taken in other adjoining areas of Delhi like Bahadurgarh, Sonipat, Jhajjar. Task Force further recommended that Municipal Commissioner (MC) and District Magistrate (DM) shall review ground level actions by their teams on daily basis, ensure intensified actions and send daily action taken report to CPCB and EPCA.

Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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**List of participants:**

1. Dr. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board.
2. Sh. Ankush Tewani, Scientist 'D', Central Pollution Control Board
3. Smt. Sapna Srivastava, A.S.O.(Noida), Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
4. Sh. A.K. Kaushik, A.S.O.(Noida), Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
5. Sh. A. K. Tiwari, RO (Ghaziabad), Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
6. Sh Kuldeep Singh, Haryana State Pollution Control Board
7. Dr. V. K. Soni, Scientist 'E', IMD, New Delhi (video conferencing)
8. Smt. Shalini Manoj, Central Pollution Control Board