

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

Forty ninth meeting of the Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), was convened on October 18, 2019. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, CPCB. List of participants is annexed.

Task force reviewed current air quality scenario, major causes of violations, meteorological forecast and requested members of DPCC and NCR Pollution Control Boards to intensify the actions and corrective measures for improvement of air quality. Dr. V. K. Soni, IMD informed that air quality may touch moderate by evening and the improvement may be attributed to prevalent breeze. He also apprised that winds will remain Northerly and calm from October 19, 2019 to October 23, 2019 leading to decline in air quality. AQI is likely to remain in Poor or lower range of Very Poor category.

In addition to implementation of actions under GRAP, Task Force recommended that following advisory may be considered:

1. All corporate offices (e.g. IT Firms) to encourage work-from-home whenever feasible.
2. Government offices and other establishments to issue advisory to encourage their staff to adopt alternative modes of travel such as car pool and public transport.
3. Schools may take up responsibility for picking up children and dropping back from school using bus so as to avoid congestion due to use of private vehicles by parents/students.

Meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

List of Participants:

1. Sh. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board
2. Sh V. K. Shukla, Additional Director, Central Pollution Control Board
3. Sh. N.K. Gupta, Additional Director, Central Pollution Control Board
4. Sh. Sharandeep Singh, Scientist 'D', Central Pollution Control Board
5. Smt. Neha Saharan, AEE (Gurgaon), Haryana State Pollution Control Board
6. Shri Ramniwas Sharma, Scientist 'B' (Faridabad)Haryana State Pollution Control Board,
7. Shri Sohan Lal, Junior Scientific officer (Bhiwadi) Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board
8. Dr. Anil Singh, RO Noida, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
9. Shri Praveen Kumar, EE, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
10. Shri Utsav Sharma, RO Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
11. Dr. M.P. George, Scientist, Delhi Pollution Control Committee
12. Dr. V. K. Soni, Scientist 'E', India Meteorological Department (video conferencing)