

**Minutes of Fifty Third Meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan
held on November 02, 2019 at CPCB, Delhi**

Meeting of the Task Force was convened on November 2, 2019 at CPCB to review the current status of Severe+ category of air quality in Delhi-NCR. Meeting was chaired by the Member Secretary, CPCB. List of participants is annexed.

It was observed that PM 2.5 levels which were 430 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ during the last evening have come down to 287 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in the morning today. As such a declining trend in the particulate matter concentration is observed; causing AQI to improve and fall back in the Severe category from Severe+.

It was informed by IMD that due to westerly disturbances with slightly higher wind speeds in the range of 10-12 km/hour and scattered rains with thunderstorms in some parts of Haryana and Punjab, the air quality has improved from Severe+ to Severe category. During next 2 days, the wind speed will further increase and by 4th November further improvement to the lower end of the very poor category of air quality is expected.

In view of the above, Task Force recommended continuation of the measures already in-force and no additional measures are recommended.

Meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

List of Participants:

1. Dr. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board
2. Sh. Nalin Kumar Gupta , Additional Director, Central Pollution Control Board
3. Sh. Sharandeep Singh, Scientist 'D', Central Pollution Control Board
4. Dr. M.P. George, Scientist, Delhi Pollution Control Committee (video conferencing)
5. Dr. V. K. Soni, Scientist 'E', India Meteorological Department (video conferencing)
6. Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Haryana State Pollution Control Board (video conferencing)
7. Sh. Vivek Goel, RO, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board, Bhiwadi
8. Sh. Sohan Lal, Junior scientific officer, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board, (Bhiwadi)
9. Sh. A.K. Kaushik, ASO, UPPCB (Ghaziabad)
10. Sh. Dinesh Kumar, AEE, HSPCB
11. Sh. Praveen Kumar, EE, UPPCB
12. Dr.(Smt). Sapna Srivastava, ASO, UPPCB (Ghaziabad)