

**Minutes of Fifty fifth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan held on
November 08, 2019 at CPCB, Delhi**

Task Force on Graded Response Action plan (GRAP) reviewed the air quality status in its 55th meeting convened on November 8, 2019 at Central Pollution Control Board. The meeting was chaired by Dr T. K. Joshi, Health Expert as Member Secretary, CPCB could not join. The list of participants is annexed.

It was observed that on 7th November AQI shifted to very poor category from poor category despite minimal contribution from stubble burning (2%), wind and rains. IMD informed that meteorological conditions (wind speed, wind direction, relative humidity, temperature) are continuously changing. Wind direction is likely to be Northwesterly from 09.11.2019 onwards with slightly higher wind speed in the range of 10-12 kmph. These conditions may prevail for next three days i.e. 9th, 10th and 11th. The biomass intrusion may be lower due to strong wind but could not nullify the effect of stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana on Delhi Air Quality. As such, the air quality may not get improved further. It is, therefore, important that both local and regional sources of pollution must be kept under strict surveillance and check.

In view of the above, Task Force recommends that restrictions on industrial activities which are already in force may continue till 11th November 2019:

Meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

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List of participants

1. Dr. T.K. Joshi, Advisor, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
2. Dr. M.P. George, Scientist, Delhi Pollution Control Committee (video conferencing)
3. Dr. V. K. Soni, Scientist 'E', India Meteorological Department (video conferencing)
4. Sh A.K. Singh, RO (Gautambudh Nagar), Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
5. Sh. Sohan Lal, JSO, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board, Bhiwadi
6. Praveen Kumar, EE, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
7. Neha Saran, Asst. Environment Engineer(video conferencing)
8. Sh. Nalin Kumar Gupta, Additional Director, Central Pollution Control Board
9. Sh. Sharandeep Singh, Scientist 'D', Central Pollution Control Board