

**Minutes of Fifty Seventh meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan  
held on November 13, 2019 at CPCB, Delhi**

Fifty Seventh Meeting of the Task Force was convened on November 13, 2019 at CPCB. The meeting was chaired by Member Secretary, CPCB. List of participants is annexed.

Air pollution levels reached to severe + category with PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration more than 300 µg/m<sup>3</sup> since 12:00 hours on November 12, 2019 in Delhi NCR. Task force reviewed the situation and noted inputs given by Dr. V.K. Soni, IMD regarding weather and AQI forecast for next few days. It was informed that low surface winds, low mixing depth, and contribution from fire due to North-westerly winds resulted in severe+ AQI category which is likely to continue till tomorrow. High winds are expected from November 15, 2019 that will bring down air pollution levels to Very Poor category.

Task Force also reviewed possible measures and noted that majority of the actions including the ones mentioned under severe+ category of GRAP are already in force. Under these circumstances, the Task Force recommends continuity of restriction of industrial operations till November 15, 2019. In addition, Task Force recommends closure of schools till November 15, 2019 and also strongly advises people to avoid outdoor exposure and work-from-home, wherever feasible.

Meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

List of participants

1. Dr. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board
2. Dr. M.P. George, Scientist, Delhi Pollution Control Committee
3. Dr. V. K. Soni, Scientist 'E', India Meteorological Department (video conferencing)
4. Sh. Utsav Sharma, RO Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
5. Sh. Vivek Goel. RO, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board, RO, Bhiwadi
6. Sh. A.K. Singh, RO (Gautambudh Nagar), Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
7. Sh. Praveen Kumar, EE, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
8. Smt. Neha Saran, Asst. Environment Engineer(video conferencing)
9. Sh. Nalin Kumar Gupta, Additional Director, Central Pollution Control Board
10. Sh. V.K. Shukla, Scientist 'E', Central Pollution Control Board
11. Sh. Sharandeep Singh, Scientist 'D', Central Pollution Control Board