

**Minutes of Sixtieth Meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan held on
December 17, 2019 at CPCB, Delhi**

Sixtieth meeting of Task Force was convened on December 17, 2019 to discuss upliftment of ban on operation of stone crushers, hot mix plants, and ready mix plants. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board. List of participants is annexed.

Dr. Siddhartha Singh, IMD provided inputs on prevailing meteorological conditions and informed that currently we are in moderate AQI category, and for next few days air quality is likely to remain in moderate or poor category. Moving to severe category is very unlikely; In fact, on 20th and 21st December, 2019, light rains are expected which may help in improving air quality.

Ban on construction activities has been lifted partially (during 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM) as per the Order of Honorable Supreme Court dated December 9, 2019. Representations are received by CPCB requesting permission for operation of industrial activities namely stone crushers, hot mix plants, and ready mix plants.

In view of above, the Task Force recommends that stone crushers, hot mix plants, and ready mix plants may be allowed to operate during 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. These plants must strictly implement pollution control measures and State Pollution Control Boards to ensure regular surveillance and strict actions against violating units.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

List of Participants

1. Sh. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board
2. Sh. T.K. Joshi, Health Expert
3. Dr. Siddhartha Singh, Scientist -EØ IMD (Video conferencing)
4. Dr. M.P. George, Scientist, Delhi DPCC (Video Conferencing)
5. Dr. Anil Kumar Singh, RO Noida, UPPCB Video Conferencing)
6. Sh. Praveen Kumar, EE, UPPCB (Video Conferencing)
7. Sh. A.K. Kaushik, ASO, UPPCB, Ghaziabad
8. Smt. Sapna Srivastava, ASO, UPPCB (Ghaziabad)
9. Sh. Sohan Lal, Junior scientific officer, RSPCB, RO, Bhiwadi
10. Smt. Neha Saran, UPPCB (Video Conferencing)
11. Sh. N.K. Gupta, Additional Director, Central Pollution Control Board
12. Sh. Sharandeep Singh, Scientist -DØ Central Pollution Control Board