

**Minutes of Sixty First meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan held on
December 20, 2019 at CPCB, Delhi**

Sixty first meeting of the Task Force was convened on December 20, 2019 as air quality in Delhi entered 'Severe' category. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board. List of participants is annexed.

Dr. V.K. Soni, IMD informed that calm winds would continue until tonight after which light rains are expected which may help in little improvement in the air quality. As humidity is already high, there may not be any adverse effect of light rains. Air pollution levels may continue to remain in Severe Category till noon on 21.12.2019. Thereafter, higher winds will support better dispersion and situation is likely to come out of 'Severe' category.

In view of the current situation, Task Force recommends that the agencies may be directed to be on alert, and intensify efforts for controlling polluting activities, particularly in hotspots including areas which have comparatively higher levels of AQI namely, Ashok Vihar, Jahangirpuri, Nehru Nagar, Okhla Phase II, Rohini, Vivek Vihar, and Wazirpur. SPCBs and DPCC must enhance surveillance of construction activities, stone crushers, Hot Mix Plants, Ready Mix Plants and other air polluting industries and take strict actions against violations.

List of Participants

1. Sh. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board
2. Dr. V.K Soni, Scientist 'E', IMD (Video conferencing)
3. Dr. M.P. George, Scientist, Delhi DPCC (Video Conferencing)
4. Dr. Anil Kumar Singh, RO Noida, UPPCB Video Conferencing)
5. Sh. Praveen Kumar, EE, UPPCB (Video Conferencing)
6. Sh. K.M Srivastava , AEE , UPPCB
7. Smt. Neha Saran, UPPCB (Video Conferencing)
8. Sh. N.K. Gupta, Additional Director, Central Pollution Control Board
9. Sh. Sharandeep Singh, Scientist 'D', Central Pollution Control Board