

Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Sub-committee for operationalization of Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP)
November 13, 2021

Eight meeting of the Sub-committee on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) was convened on November 13, 2021 via video conferencing. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and chairperson of the Sub-committee. The list of participants is annexed (Annexure I).

Air quality status and meteorology forecast were reviewed. It was observed that PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations have come down below emergency threshold values, however, these continue to remain in Severe AQI category.

Dr. V.K. Soni, IMD informed that there may be some winds during day but it will remain mostly calm during night. Therefore, the meteorology may not be favourable for dispersion of pollutants.

The members opined that that as air quality is in severe category, States and concerned agencies must be in complete readiness for implementation of emergency measures as per GRAP, in short notice. Further, agencies should strictly implement the earlier orders. Accordingly, a fresh order may be issued.

Meeting ended with thanks to and from the chair.

List of Participants:

1. Dr. PrashantGargava, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board
2. Sh. Rajesh Kumar, Director, Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas
3. Dr. K.S. Jayachandran, Member Secretary, Delhi Pollution Control Committee
4. Sh. S. Narayanan, Member Secretary , Haryana Pollution Control Board
5. Sh. Ajay Sharma , Member Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
6. Dr. V.K. Soni, Scientist 'F', Indian Meteorological Department
7. Dr. T.K. Joshi, Health Expert
8. Sh. Vivek Roy, CEO, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
9. Dr Rajesh Garhia , Sr. Scientist, Haryana Pollution Control Board
10. Sh. Nipun Gupta, Haryana State Pollution Control Board
11. Sh. P.K. Gupta, Scientist E, Central Pollution Control Board
12. Sh. Sharandeep Singh, Scientist D, Central Pollution Control Board
13. Ms. Deuvshree Sharma, Central Pollution Control Board