

**Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Sub-committee for operationalization of Graded Response Action
Plan (GRAP)
December 23, 2021**

Ninth meeting of the Sub-committee on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) was convened on December 23, 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).

MS, CPCB welcomed the participants and requested Dr. V.K. Soni, IMD, for inputs on meteorological forecast. Dr. Soni informed that the calm/slow winds and poor ventilation conditions have led to the Very Poor/Severe air quality since December 21, 2021. The air quality over Delhi-NCT is likely to start improving from 24.12.2021 but remain in Very Poor category on December 24 and 25, 2021. The air quality is likely to improve significantly from 26th December onwards and AQI to reach in Poor/Moderate category on 27th December owing to relatively stronger winds and rainfall on 26th and 27th December. The wind is likely to be coming from East direction of Delhi with wind speed 05-15 kmph for next 5 days.

The Sub-committee observed that measures for Severe AQI category are already in force, and, considering the meteorological forecast suggesting improvement in coming days, no additional measures are recommended. The agencies must ensure strict implementation of measures that are already in force.

Meeting ended with thanks to chair and from chair.



List of Participants:

1. Dr. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board
2. 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. Dr. V.K. Soni, Scientist 'F', Indian Meteorological Department
6. Dr. T.K. Joshi, Health Expert
7. Sh. Vivek Roy, CEO, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
8. Sh. Rajesh Garhia, Haryana State Pollution Control Board
9. Chief Scientific Officer, Rajasthan Pollution Control Board
10. RO, Alwar, Rajasthan 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