

Minutes of Meeting with Public Agencies on Delhi NCR Air Quality to assess Ground Actions & Preparedness

December 05, 2017 at CPCB, Delhi

A meeting with concerned implementing public agencies on Delhi NCR air quality was held on December 05, 2017 at Central pollution control board, Delhi to assess ground actions & preparedness for remaining winter season. The meeting was chaired by Shri S.P. Singh Parihar IAS, Chairman, CPCB, Delhi. List of participants is attached at Annexure- I.

Dr. Prashant Gargava, AD & Head, AQM Division welcomed the participants and briefed the objective of the meeting to assess ground actions by agencies & preparedness for remaining winter season. He informed that repeat offense with regard to field feedback observations of CPCB teams has been noted at most of the locations, indicating that adequate ground actions is still lacking. Referring to decisions taken during last meeting on hotspot areas held on November 17, 2017, he mentioned that as agreed the daily Action Taken Report submission by public agencies to CPCB is still awaited. He advised that all necessary actions for strict enforcement of air polluting activities, particularly waste burning, traffic congestion and road dust be ensured with much alert in the remaining winter days.

The officials from municipal bodies & state boards from Delhi and NCR, briefed various actions taken for air pollution control including challan, mechanical sweeping, sprinkling, ground verifications, etc. Also, problems in ground implementation were informed such as dust from feeder roads in cantonment area, road cutting activities by various agencies causing dust suspension in South DMC, confusion in implementation of ban on DG sets operation with respect to Delhi and NCR towns, interference of EPCA in consent powers of SPCBs leading to ambiguity, etc. Chairman, Central Boards assured that matter will be taken up at appropriate level.

Representative, Delhi police informed that actions have been taken on visible polluting & old vehicles, PUC check drive, penalty on uncovered construction material transportation and deployment of quick response teams, special night patrolling drive & emergency numbers have been provided for traffic related problems. Though, highlighted lack of manpower as a constraint.

Chairman, Central Board directed that extensive ground actions should be ensured in view of concerns & regular monitoring being done at Task Force on Delhi air quality, constituted at PMO. There is need for rigorous action on local factors responsible for deteriorating air quality, with even greater vigor during low dispersion winter days. If required, additional resources be procured. He directed that agencies should submit daily action taken reports to CPCB and Concerned SPCBs without further delay on aqm.cpcb@nic.in.

List of Participants

1. Shri S.P Singh Parihar, Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board
2. Col. P. K. Dogra, Consultant, Delhi Cantonment Board.
3. Dr. BB Awasthi, RO, Noida, UP Pollution Control Board
4. Dr. S.K.Nigam, Additional Director, Central Pollution Control Board
5. Mr. Ravinder Soni, ACP, Delhi Traffic Police
6. Shri V.K. Singh, A.E, North Delhi Municipal Corporation
7. Shri A.K Gupta, SE, Central Public Works Department.
8. Shri A.K.Tiwari, RO, Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (Greater Noida)
9. Shri D.R. Bhaskar, Chief Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Faridabad
10. Shri Gurmit Singh, PCO, Transport Department, Delhi
11. Shri Jasbir Singh, PCO, Transport Department, Delhi
12. Shri Manoj Gupta, Ex-Eng DEMS North Delhi Municipal Corporation
13. Shri O. P. Gupta, RO, Alwar, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board
14. Shri Pradeep Khandelwal, Chief Engineer, East Delhi Municipal Corporation
15. Shri Dilip Ramnami, CE, South Delhi Municipal Corporation
16. Shri Trilok Chand, AEE, Delhi Pollution Control Committee
17. Shri U C Shukla, ASO, Ghaziabad, UP Pollution Control Board
18. Dr. Prashant Gargava, Head AQM, Central Pollution Control Board
19. Ms. Garima Sharma, Scientist 'C', Central Pollution Control Board