Minutes of eleventh meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan held on October 30, 2017 at CPCB, Delhi

Eleventh meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), was convened on October 30, 2017, at Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi. List of participants is annexed. The meeting was chaired by Shri A. Sudhakar, Member Secretary, CPCB. Dr. Siddhartha Singh, IMD joined through Video conferencing. List of participants is attached at Annexure – I.

MS welcomed the participants and following issues were discussed:

- 1. Irregular AQI and interrupted data submission for Faridabad- HSPCB assured that the issue has been rectified and data will be available made available without any break.
- 2. High PM levels at Ghaziabad mostly in very poor and severe categories- Task Force recommended R.O. Ghaziabad to submit a localized action plan to control PM levels in next Task Force Meeting
- 3. High PM levels at Anand Vihar- DPCC informed actions taken at Anand Vihar including tiling of the area. It was informed to the Task Force that EPCA has inspected the location and necessary actions are being taken including proper traffic management.

MS, CPCB raised his concerns on higher levels of dust at NH-24 and necessary actions needed to be taken. Also stubble burning incidences have increased specially in Punjab. Even though, the emissions did not affect Delhi, but the air quality in the region has been badly hit.

Dr. Siddhartha IMD informed that 1°C drop in the temperature is expected within next one week. There will be clear sky conditions with shallow fog in the mornings. The wind speed will be within 5- 10 km/hr and prevailing wind directions from West UP and adjoining MP. CPCB advised IMD to contact IT department of CPCB for generating SMS alerts to Task Force members.

Meeting ended with thanks to chair.

List of participants:

- 1. Shri. A Sudhakar, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board.
- 2. Dr.Siddharth Singh, Sc. 'D', IMD, Delhi
- 3. A. K. Tiwari, RO, Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (Greater Noida).
- 4. Dr. B.B. Awasthi, RO, Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (Noida).
- 5. Shri. B.K.Singh, AEE, Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (Ghaziabad).
- 6. Dr. J. B. Sharma, RO, Haryana State Pollution Control Board (Gurugram).
- 7. Dr. M.P Gorge, Scientist 'D', Delhi Pollution Control Committee.
- 8. Dr. P. K. M. K. Das, Regional Officer, Haryana State Pollution Control Board (Faridabad).
- 9. Ms. Garima Sharma, Environment Engineer, Central Pollution Control Board.
- 10. Ms. Sakshi Batra, SSA, Central Pollution Control Board.