Minutes of Second meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan held on March 02, 2017 at CPCB, Delhi

Second meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), was convened on March 03, 2017 at Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi. List of participants is annexed.

Dr. A. B Akolkar, Member Secretary, CPCB and Chairman, Task Force, could not attend the meeting. Dr. Prashant Gargava, AD & Head, AQM Division coordinated the proceedings of the meeting. He welcomed the participants and briefed on agenda for discussions. It was informed that the Task Force, has been mandated to inform EPCA on Air Quality status and additional measures required whenever air quality situation reaches emergency. The overall air quality is to be decided on the basis of data available from at least 50% of the CAAQMS being operated by DPCC, IMD & CPCB. It is, therefore, important that data from all the three agencies are integrated and available on single platform. Air lab and IT Division informed that presently monitoring stations operated by DPCC & CPCB are integrated and data are used for AQI bulletin. Data from IMD stations are received through email, and therefore have not been integrated to AQI calculations. IMD is also assigned the task of providing weather & AQI forecast to the Task Force. The issue of data flow was deliberated in detail and the current status of monitoring stations planned in Delhi-NCR region was provided by Air Lab.

After detailed deliberations following was agreed upon

- 1. IMD will integrate its Air Quality Monitoring stations with CPCB, to provide real time monitoring data by April 15, 2017.
- 2. Data from IMD, CPCB and DPCC to be integrated at a single location at CPCB, for ensuring regular flow to EPCA and the Task Force. Air Lab & IT Division of CPCB will work out necessary mechanism.
- 3. CPCB will provide direct access to air quality monitoring data to IMD from all CAAQMS, in NCR so that data may be used for forecasting.
- 4. IMD will provide sms alerts in case of severe weather phenomenon to the Task Force and EPCA.
- 5. IT Divisions of CPCB, IMD & DPCC will share IT protocols for ensuring seamless data flow.

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List of Participants

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- 6. Mr. Avtar Singh, Punjab Pollution Control Board
- 7. Mr. O.P. Gupta, RO, Alwar, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board
- 8. Dr. Prashant Gargava, AD & Head, AQM Division, Central Pollution Control Board
- 9. Mr. Aditya Sharma, Central Pollution Control Board
- 10.Mr. Abhijeet Pathak, Central Pollution Control Board
- 11.Ms. Garima Sharma, EE, Central Pollution Control Board
- 12.Ms. Sakshi Batra, SSA, Central Pollution Control Board