

**Minutes of Forty Third meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan held on  
December 30, 2018**

Forty Third meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) was convened on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2018, in view of increase in particulate matter concentration during last night, with PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels remaining above 300µg/m<sup>3</sup> since 9:00 AM today. The meeting was headed by the Member Secretary, CPCB. The list of participants is annexed.

IMD and SAFAR informed that air quality may improve slightly by 31<sup>st</sup> December, but is likely to remain in 'severe' category owing to low wind speed and ventilation coefficient which are highly unfavourable for dispersion of pollutants. There may be some relief due to westerly disturbance, but dense to moderate fog and emissions during night hours may result in deterioration in air quality. The situation may prevail till 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

Task Force reviewed the status and recommended that while measures already in force must continue, the enforcement on ground needs to be stepped up particularly in hot spot areas. The implementing agencies in Delhi and four neighbouring towns of Noida, Ghaziabad, Faridabad and Gurugram to be on high alert, carry out night patrolling, and take actions with zero tolerance to waste burning and construction activities (that is already banned during night hours). Agencies must also ensure strict compliance to the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court regarding bursting of firecrackers.

Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

## **Annexure I**

### **List of participants:**

1. Dr. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board.
2. Sh S. M. Ali, Member Secretary, Delhi Pollution Control Committee
3. Dr. V. K. Soni, Scientist 'E', IMD, New Delhi
4. Dr. M.P. George, Scientist 'D', Delhi Pollution Control Committee
5. Sh Ankush Tewani, Scientist 'D', Central Pollution Control Board
6. Shri Kuldeep Singh, Haryana State Pollution Control Board
7. Sh Shakti Singh, RO (Gurgaon, South), Haryana State Pollution Control Board
8. Sh A. K. Tiwari, RO (Ghaziabad), Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
9. Smt. Shalini Manoj, Central Pollution Control Board