

**Minutes of Forty Sixth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan held on  
May 08, 2019 at CPCB, Delhi**

Forty sixth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), was convened on May 08, 2019. The meeting was chaired by the Member Secretary, CPCB. The list of participants is annexed.

Task Force was briefed that this meeting has been convened in view of the sudden rise observed in particulate matter concentration in Delhi-NCR from last 01 or 02 days and AQI corresponding to very poor category and further moving towards severe category. Feedback is needed from IMD on weather forecast and its possible impact on air quality levels.

IMD representative informed that present air quality levels may be attributed to transport of dust from neighbouring states. It is likely that strong surface winds will prevail in Delhi-NCR upto 10<sup>th</sup> May which will result in re-suspension of dust. Inputs were also available from IITM that fresh plume of dust emitted from western Rajasthan and Northern Gujarat are expected to reach Delhi by today afternoon. Therefore, air quality index may reach severe category. However, thunderstorms are expected from 11<sup>th</sup> May onwards with a forecast of rain on 13 May, 2019.

Task Force reviewed the situation and concluded that it is primarily dust from outside and localized sources contributing to rise in pollution levels in Delhi-NCR. Task Force recommended that concerned implementing agencies shall intensify efforts for dust control from various sources such as construction and demolition sites, handling of construction material waste, road dust, stone crushers, ready mix concrete plants, etc. Task force also advise public to minimize prolonged exposure.

Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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## **Annexure I**

### **List of participants:**

1. Dr. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board.
2. Shri V. K. Shukla, Scientist 'E', Central Pollution Control Board
3. Sh. Ankush Tewani, Scientist 'D', Central Pollution Control Board
4. Sh. Sharandeep Singh, Scientist 'D', Central Pollution Control Board
5. Dr. M.P. George, Scientist 'D', Delhi Pollution Control Committee
6. Sh A.K. Kaushik, ASO, (Noida), Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
7. Smt. Sapna Srivastava, ASO, (Ghaziabad), Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
8. Dr. V. K. Soni, Scientist 'E', India Meteorological Department (video conferencing)
9. Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Haryana State Pollution Control Board (video conferencing)