

**Minutes of Forty Seventh meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan held on  
September 27, 2019 at CPCB, Delhi**

Forty seventh meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), was convened on September 27, 2019. The meeting was chaired by Dr Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, CPCB. List of participants is annexed.

Task Force reviewed current air quality scenario, stubble burning incidences reported from Punjab, meteorological forecast and preparedness of DPCC and NCR Pollution Control Boards. Dr. V. K. Soni, IMD informed that air quality is expected to remain satisfactory till October 03, 2019 and considering prevailing weather pattern major change/deterioration in air quality is not likely to happen during first week of October.

Member Secretary, DPCC informed that night patrolling especially in all industrial areas will be initiated from 1<sup>st</sup> October in co-ordination with concerned agencies. Inspection of major construction sites will be ensured and defaulters penalised/prosecuted. Conversion of all industrial units to PNG by the end of October and action, as per the individual action plans, has been initiated on 13 hotspot areas. Representatives of HSPCB, UPPCB and RSPCB informed about actions being taken in their respective areas specially on dust mitigation measures, MSW management and Management of C&D waste. Constant vigil has been initiated, social media complaints are monitored regularly, deputation of guards for preventing open burning of garbage.

MS, CPCB emphasized on close monitoring of ground level actions. He requested DPCC and SPCBs to seek daily/weekly reports from concerned implementing agencies and ensure penalizing/prosecuting defaulter agencies, if needed. He also informed that CPCB had earlier requested agencies to take up special drives for cleaning up garbage and construction/demolition waste dumps. Night patrolling teams may also be asked to report such dumps so that timely actions can be taken.

After deliberations, Task force recommended the following:

1. DPCC to closely monitor implementation of hotspot action plans, seek daily action taken reports from concerned agencies and submit weekly reports to EPCA and CPCB.
2. Ensure immediate actions for paving of roads and control of road dust in industrial areas, surveillance of industrial areas for emissions as well as dumping and burning of wastes.
3. Special drive to be under taken for clearing of MSW & C&D waste in next 10 days.
4. Power supply companies may be requested to maintain uninterrupted power supply to prevent use of DG sets during winter months.

Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

**List of participants:**

1. Dr. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board.
2. Dr. T. K. Joshi, Advisor, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
3. Sh. Arun Mishra, MS, Delhi Pollution Control Committee
4. Dr. V. K. Soni, Scientist 'E', India Meteorological Department (video conferencing)
5. Sh V. K. Shukla, Additional Director, Central Pollution Control Board
6. Sh A.K. Singh, RO (Gautambudh Nagar), Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
7. Sh. Praveen Kumar, EE, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
8. Sh. Utsav Sharma, RO (Ghaziabad), Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
9. Sh. K. C. Gupta, RO (Bhiwadi), Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board
10. Sh. S. C. Arora, DGM (Greater Noida Authority), Uttar Pradesh
11. Sh. R. K. Ojha, (Greater Noida Authority), Uttar Pradesh
12. Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Haryana State Pollution Control Board (video conferencing)