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Dr. Prashant Gargava briefed the main issues for discussion comprising data sharing, forecasting by IMD, issuing alerts and preparedness for FIFA.

The issue of data sharing in form of concentration values or as AQI, in public domain, EPCA and Task Force (TF) was deliberated in detail. It was opined that data analysis of PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ be sent to EPCA & TF members on monthly basis. However, it was agreed that for ease of reference and usage, values will be informed in terms of AQI, as before.

IMD was reminded to take necessary actions to give weather and air quality forecast in case of severe & severe plus AQI categories to Task Force members. The forecasts will also be made available to public. SMS alerts in case of poor, sever and severe plus conditions will be issued to EPCA and TF members.

It was agreed that monthly air quality data shall be shared with EPCA and TF by Air Lab, CPCB.

It was informed that a preliminary meeting was conducted with concerned stakeholders and FIFA officials on May 31, 2017 to assess preparedness for FIFA tournament. It was agreed that Task Force should recommend EPCA to consider imposing severe category actions September 15, 2017 onwards for improving air quality during the tournament.

Punjab, Haryana and Delhi SPCBs were directed to take necessary timely actions for preventing stubble burning during tournament duration.