

REVIEW MEETING WITH PUBLIC AGENCIES & SPCBs ON DELHI NCR AIR QUALITY

MINUTES OF MEETING held on 05.11.2020

A meeting with implementing agencies in Delhi NCR, DPCC and SPCBs was held at CPCB on November 05, 2020 to review actions taken for controlling air pollution in Delhi. The meeting was chaired by the Chairman, CPCB who briefed about air quality management efforts made so far causing substantial improvement in few areas by comparing the number of complaints received in 2019 and 2020, and need for taking adequate preparatory measures in advance to effectively tackle air pollution in the upcoming festive season. He informed that as per feedback through social media platforms, open dumping and burning of domestic and industrial waste, C&D waste and road dust remain major areas of concern. He emphasized that the role of preventive actions to control pollution from these sources and intensive monitoring of air polluting activities and adhering to norms by various agencies would be the key to keep air quality under control.

2. MS, CPCB apprised that AQI was predicted to be within very poor category; however, there were sudden unforeseeable low winds that resulted in Severe Air Quality. Further, he indicated that air quality is likely to improve due to increased wind speed and will remain in Very Poor category for next 2 days.

3. DH, Air Quality Monitoring Division, CPCB, briefed the members about the present air quality scenario and shared the feedback received from the teams that are deployed on the fields. He also put in light the various areas of concern along with the major sources contributing to air pollution.

4. Representatives of Municipal bodies of Delhi-NCR & NHAI, Transport Authorities, SPCBs, DPCC and other implementing agencies briefly informed about the measures being taken, which included water sprinkling on daily basis, mechanical sweeping, issuing of challans, night patrolling, and regular monitoring of C&D activities.

On detailed deliberations, following action points emerged:

- a) Agencies to take proactive actions such as deployment of teams on the field and intensify the actions, especially in the major areas of concern as briefed by DH, AQM. Thereafter, CPCB shall send teams from Monday onwards for re-verification of the status of preventive measures and actions taken for control of air pollution in these areas.
- b) DPCC and concerned SPCBs to apprise of the status of affidavit/undertaking that was to be obtained from the red and orange category industries and major construction projects about adhering to environmental norms.
- c) All concerned agencies must ensure complete and timely redressal of social media and SAMEER complaints.

- d) Regional Officers to stay in touch with concerned agencies and submit a corroborated report of consolidated actions.
- e) Agencies to deploy mechanical road sweepers and water sprinklers, teams for night patrolling, issue challans to violators and timely recovery of the fine along with taking all necessary actions to mitigate air pollution.
- f) Municipal Corporation Gurugram has developed a methodology for better communication, updation and efficient collaboration such as uploading information on media corner, regular communication through whatsapp groups etc. which may be followed by other agencies as well.

Meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

List of Participants (through video conferencing):

1. Sh. Shiv Das Meena, Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board
2. Sh. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board
3. Sh. Vikash Singhal, DGM Env., DMRC
4. Sh. Avinash Tripathi
5. Sh. C.L. Meena, New Delhi Municipal Corporation
6. Smt. Meenu Choudhary, Joint CP, Delhi Traffic Police
7. Sh. Utsav Sharma, RO Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
8. Sh. Laxmi Narain, DDA
9. Dr. M.P. George, Scientist, Delhi Pollution Control Committee
10. Sh. Vivek Roy, CEO, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
11. Sh. Praveen Kumar, EE, RO, UPPCB, Greater Noida
12. Sh. U.W. Hood, NCRTC
13. Sh. Vivek Goel, RO Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board, Bhiwadi
14. Dr. Jai Bhagwan, Sr, Scientist, Haryana State Pollution Control Board
15. Sh. Dinesh Kumar, SFI, Nagar Palika, Loni
16. Sh. Deep Chandra, ACEO, GNIDA
17. Sh. Sughan Lal Meena, Pr. CE(M), PWD
18. Representative, GDA
19. Representative, Transport Department, Delhi
20. Representative, Traffic Police, Gurugram
21. Representative, CMC, Gurugram
22. Representative, MC, Gurugram
23. Representative, MC, Gohana
24. Representative, Ghaziabad Nagar Nigam
25. Representative, MC, Faridabad
26. Representative, Transport Department, Haryana
27. Representative, PWD
28. Representative, DSIIIDC
29. Representative, FDA
30. Sh. Mukesh Gupta
31. Sh. Anand Singh
32. Sh. Pradeep Khandelwal
33. Sh. Dinesh Yadav
34. Sh. Mintu Meena
35. Sh. R.K. Tyagi
36. Sh. Rajat Gosain

37. Sh. Aman Gupta
38. Sh. Sunil Tripathi
39. Sh. Arvind Kumar Pandey
40. Sh. P. K. Gupta, Additional Director and Head, AQM, Central Pollution Control Board
41. Sh. Sharandeep Singh, Sc 'D', Central Pollution Control Board
42. Mrs. Shalini Manoj, RA, AQM, Central Pollution Control Board
43. Ms. Deuvshree Sharma, JRF, AQM, Central Pollution Control Board