

**Minutes of Sixty Eighth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan held on
November 05, 2020 at CPCB, Delhi**

Sixty eighth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) was convened through video conferencing on November 05, 2020. The meeting was chaired by the Dr Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, CPCB. The list of participants is annexed (Annexure I).

MS, CPCB briefed that AQI was predicted to be within very poor category, however, as informed by IMD, there were sudden unforeseeable low winds that resulted in Severe Air Quality. Dr. V.K. Soni, IMD confirmed that it might be attributed to sudden calming of winds, which could not be captured by the model. It was also apprised that PM₁₀ was the prominent pollutant. Further, Dr. Soni indicated that air quality is likely to improve from today evening due to increased wind speed and will remain in Very Poor category for next 2 days.

Task Force reviewed the current status and predicted trends of air quality and meteorological parameters and based on the inputs from IMD, Task Force suggested following actions:

1. Government and private offices and other establishments are advised to reduce vehicle usage by at least 30% (by working from home, car-pooling, and optimizing their field activities, etc.)
2. Implementing agencies to step up their efforts, be more vigilant, and ensure quick actions including on redressal of complaints on SAMEER and other Social media platforms to curb polluting activities.

Further, Task Force will continue to keep a watch on meteorological factors and air quality predictions to suggest additional measures, if required.

Meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

List of Participants (through video conferencing):

1. Sh. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board
2. Dr. V. K. Soni, Scientist 'E', India Meteorological Department
3. Dr. M.P. George, Scientist, Delhi Pollution Control Committee
4. Sh. Praveen Kumar, EE, UPPCB, Greater Noida
5. Sh. Vivek Goel, RO Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board, Bhiwadi
6. Sh. Utsav Sharma, RO Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board
7. Sh. Divyanshu, AEE, Gurugram South Haryana State Pollution Control Board
8. Sh. P.K. Gupta, Additional Director, Central Pollution Control Board
9. Sh. V.K. Shukla, Additional Director, Central Pollution Control Board
10. Sh. Sharandeep Singh, Scientist 'D', Central Pollution Control Board
11. Sh. Aditya Sharma, Scientist 'D', Central Pollution Control Board