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Environment Minister Chairs Fifth Meeting On Mitigation Of Air Pollution

Vapour Recovery Equipment

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USPA NEWS - The Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Independent Charge), Mr. Prakash Javadekar chaired the meeting of Environment Ministers of NCR, in New Delhi on April 27, 2016.

The Need To Install Vapour Recovery Equipment At Petrol Pumps Emphasized

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Mr. Prakash Javadekar chaired the fifth meeting of the Environment Ministers of National Capital Region (NCR) on mitigation of air pollution in Delhi NCR, on April 27.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Javadekar reiterated the importance of holding awareness-cum-training camps for 7, 000 sweepers in Delhi, so that biomass burning can be reduced. He urged the Environment Ministers of NCR to strictly follow the directions issued by CPCB under Section 18 (1) of Air Act, 1981. He also suggested quick implementation of the revamped Waste Management Rules, including the newly formulated Construction & Demolition Waste Management Rules to reduce air pollution.

The Minister pointed out that there has been a 30 per cent reduction in stubble burning and that the states of Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan have banned stubble burning.

Mr. Javadekar also said that pollution due to dust, emissions from industries, burning of biomass and vehicular pollution were among the major causes of air pollution. He also said that pollution from unauthorized brick kilns must be reduced.

The Minister also reiterated the Centre's decision to implement Bharat-6 compliance for vehicles by 2020, which will significantly reduce vehicular pollution. The need to install vapour recovery equipment at petrol pumps was also emphasized at the meeting.

Ministers and representatives from state governments outlined the steps that have been taken to mitigate air pollution.

Prof Abhishek Mishra, Minister, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Mr. Raj Kumar Rinwa, Minister, Government of Rajasthan and Mr. Imran Hussain, Minister, Government of NCT of Delhi, officials from New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC), Delhi Traffic Police, as well as officials from the governments of Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi were among those who attended the meeting.

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