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The Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, **Mr PramodK Mishra**, on Monday 04.11.2019 asked the Delhi, Haryana and Punjab chief secretaries to look at ways to incentivise farmers to use crop residual management machines as well as chalk out medium and long term solutions to end air pollution in Delhi.

Pramod was reviewing measures taken by the three to tackle air pollution which is choking the capital and which The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Bench of JusticeArun Mishra and Justice Deepak Gupta has discussed. A significant part of this pollution is directly linked to stubble burning by farmers in neighbouring states.

Mishra made it clear to the state chief secretaries that stubble burning must be prevented as penalizing the polluter does not help in reducing air pollution.

He asked the Delhi Chief Secretary to target major pollution sources such as road and soil dust, construction and demolition activities, biomass burning, vehicle emissions, industrial activity, and power production.

The Prime Minister's Office, along with the states have identified industrial clusters in the three states as well as traffic hot spots.

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