

Minutes of 2nd Meeting of Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Committee held under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Govt. of Punjab on 22.01.2019 at 3:00 PM in the Conference Room, O/o PSCST, Chandigarh regarding Finalization of Draft Action Plan for Clean Air, Mandi Gobindgarh

1. The list of attendees is attached at **Annexure – I**.
2. Joint Director, Directorate of Environment & Climate Change(DECC) welcomed the members and apprised them about the decisions of National Green Tribunal(NGT) for preparing action plans of nine non-attainment cities of Punjab within two months aimed at bringing the standards of air quality within the prescribed norms within six months from the date of finalization of the action plans.
3. It was further informed that Mandi Gobindgarh falls among the list of nine non-attainment cities identified by NGT. Further, the major sources contributing for deterioration of ambient air quality have been identified as industries, road dust and emissions from vehicles with percentage contribution of 50%, 25% and 15%, respectively. The present status of ambient air quality being monitored by PPCB was also discussed. The draft action plan proposed to control air pollution from various sources was deliberated with the various stakeholders along with respective timelines.
4. After detailed deliberations, the following decisions were taken:
 - (i). The action plan should include all the industries falling within a radius of 5 km beyond municipal limits.
 - (ii). The Graded Response Action Plan should be included in the action plan as per the orders of Hon'ble NGT dated 08.10.2018.
 - (iii). It was decided that in order to roll out clean air action plan for non-attainment cities, there is need to engage an agency for providing necessary assistance such as:
 - (a). Data collation, analysis and tracking of progress
 - (b). Updation of the plan based on feedback during implementation and other best practices
 - (c). Handholding of city administration in undertaking various activities
 - (d). Other supporting activities for implementation of the Action plans
 - (iv). The services of community facilitators and motivators working for Municipal Council, Mandi Gobindgarh under Swachh Bharat Mission be availed for creating awareness among public and school children regarding the deterioration of ambient air quality and its health impacts.
 - (v). Punjab Pollution Control Board may check the timeline proposed in the action plan for conversion of rolling mills, cupola furnaces and ceramic/refractory units from coal to CNG/PNG with respective stakeholders at the District Level.

- (vi). Punjab Pollution Control Board will carry out a study of the units already converted to PNG/CNG from coal indicating their economic benefits and reduction of pollution so as to motivate other units to adopt the same.
 - (vii). PPCB will legally examine the NGT orders for putting in place an effective implementation mechanism by all the concerned departments.
5. All the stakeholder departments were directed to check the baseline data & timelines given in the action plan before its submission to NGT and send their written feedback, if any by 28 January, 2019 as the plan will be submitted to NGT before 31st Jan 2019. PPCB will get the district level consultation completed under the Chairmanship of DC and their recommendations before 28th Jan 2019.
 6. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.

List of Attendees

1. Dr. S.S. Marwaha
Chairman
Punjab Pollution Control Board
2. Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, PCS
Department of Transport
3. Sh. Pawan Garg
Member Secretary
Punjab Pollution Control Board
4. Sh. Gulshan Rai
Chief Environmental Engineer
Punjab Pollution Control Board
5. Sh. Pardeep Garg,
Joint Director
Directorate of Environment & Climate Change
6. Sh. M.P. Singh
General Manager
Punjab Road Transport Corporation.
7. Sh. Radesh Kalra
Senior Deputy Director
Department of Local Govt., Punjab
8. Sh. A.K. Sood,
Assistant Director (Tech.)
Deptt. of Industries & Commerce,
9. Sandeep Kaur
Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Department of Traffic Police, Fatehgarh Sahib
10. Sh. Merrick Garg
Works Manager
State Transport, Punjab
11. Er. Vijay Kumar
Environmental Engineer
Punjab Pollution Control Board
12. Anuradha Sharma
Environmental Engineer
Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala

13. Sh. Rahul Kaushal
Executive Engineer
Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board
14. Sh. Rahul Kaushal
Executive Engineer
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15. Dr. Charanjit Singh
Scientific Officer
Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala
16. Sh. Gulshan Kumar
Assistant Environmental Engineer
Punjab Pollution Control Board
17. Sh. Anil Kumar Sharma
Department of Agriculture
18. Sh. Gurvinder Pal Singh
M.C. Mandi Gobindgarh
19. Sh. J.S. Bhatia
Technical Consultant
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