

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of State Level Task Force for control of pollution in River Ghaggar held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Punjab on 16.01.2019 at 4:30 PM in his office.

1. The list of participants is placed at Annexure-I.

2. Agenda No. 1: Constitution of State Level Task Force

The Task Force noted the constitution of Executive Committee, State Level Task Force and District Level Task Force constituted in pursuance of NGT's order dated 07.08.2018.

3. Agenda Item No. 2: Approval of Draft Action Plan for Control of Pollution in River Ghaggar

(i) A presentation on draft action plan was made by the Department of Science Technology & Environment covering the following aspects:

- (a) Overall challenges of pollution in Ghaggar
- (b) Stakeholder departments
- (c) Water quality in river Ghaggar
- (d) Discharge from urban areas
- (e) Discharge from rural areas
- (f) Discharge from industries
- (g) Timelines for setting up of STPs
- (h) Timelines for setting up of treatment facilities in rural areas
- (i) Timelines for reuse of treated water
- (j) Installation of continuous online monitoring system
- (k) Monitoring requirements
- (l) Governance & Supervision
- (m) Risks in the implementation of plan

(ii) The task force discussed various aspects of the action plan and approved the same. During the course of discussion on various issues, it was also decided as under:

- (a) All the departments will ensure accuracy in their data and timelines.
- (b) All the departments will give their written concurrence about timelines to the Department of Science Technology & Environment by 25.01.2019. Principal Secretary Science Technology will meet with concerned Administration Secretaries by 8.2.2019 and finalise all timelines.

- (c) PPCB will set up continuous monitoring system for water quality at all the critical points in river Ghaggar, Sutlaj and Beas in 6 month, by July 31,2019.
- (d) PPCB will ensure regular checking of quality outflow of industrial effluent treatment plants and will present action taken report in the next meeting. These quality check reports will be uploaded on PPCB website.
- (e) Local Government Department will look into the issues of left out residential pockets and un-approved habitation. All such pockets within municipal limits will have to be provided sewage connections and linkage up to STP. The policy, fees and action plan in this regard to be finalized.
- (f) A Committee under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Patiala consisting District Development & Panchayat Officer, XEN Water Supply & Sanitation with Environment Engineer, Regional Office, PPCB, SAS Nagar as Convener was constituted to study the sullage/sewage treatment technology already in operation at Villages Chailala & Immampur, Block Patiala. The Committee was asked to submit its report within one month to Department of Rural Development & Panchayats to explore its applicability in other villages falling in the catchment area of river Ghaggar, who shall decide the implementation plan by 28th Feb. 2019.
- (iii) The Department of Science Technology & Environment further informed that action plans for river Sutlaj and Beas are currently under preparation on these lines and will be completed within a week. It was decided that same State Level Task Force, River Rejuvenation Committee and District Level Task Force will monitor the implementation of action plans for river Sutlej, Beas and Ghaggar.

List of Participants

- (i) Smt. Vini Mahajan, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary Industries & Commerce, Housing & Urban Development
- (ii) Sh. A. Venu Prasad, IAS, Principal Secretary Local Government
- (iii) Sh. Sarvjit Singh, IAS, Principal Secretary Water Resources
- (iv) Sh. R.K.Verma, IAS, Principal Secretary Science Technology & Environment
- (v) Sh. Ajoy Sharma, IAS, CEO, PMIDC
- (vi) Sh. S.S.Marwaha, Chairman, PPCB
- (vii) Er. Pawan Garg, MS, PPCB
- (viii) Sh. Paramjeet Singh, PCS, Additional Secretary Water Supply & Sanitation
- (ix) Sh. K.P.Goyal, EIC, PWSSB
- (x) Sh. Lata Chauhan, Executive Engineer, PWSSB
- (xi) Dr.Balwinder Singh, Director Health & Family Welfare
- (xii) Sh. Baljinder Singh, PCS, Deputy Secretary, Industries & Commerce
- (xiii) Sh. Devinder Singh, SE, GMADA
- (xiv) Sh. Gulshan Rai, Chief Environment Engineer, PPCB
- (xv) Sh. Pardeep Gupta, Chief Environment Engineer, PPCB
- (xvi) Sh. Pardeep Garg, Joint Director, DECC
- (xvii) Sh. S.S. Matharu, Environment Engineer, PPCB