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To

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2. Executive Engineer, Deptt. of Irrigation (Drainage), Sangrur.
3. Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board, Sangrur.
4. Executive Engineer, Deptt. of Water Supply & Sanitation, Sangrur.
5. Executive Engineer, Deptt. of Rural Development & Panchayat, Sangrur.
6. District Soil Conservation Officer, Deptt. of Soil and Water Conservation, Sangrur
7. District Level Officer, Central Ground Water Board, North Western Region, 3-B, Sector 27-A, Chandigarh.
8. Civil Surgeon, Health Department, Sangrur.
9. Executive Engineer, Municipal Council Sangrur.
10. Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Sunam.
11. Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Lehra.
12. Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Moonak.
13. Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Khanouri.
14. Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Bhawanigarh,
15. Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Dhuri
16. Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Longowal.
17. Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Dirba.
18. Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Cheema
19. Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Amargarh

Sub:- Proceedings of the 3rd meeting of District Level Special Task Force (DLSTF) held under the chairmanship of Additonal Deputy Commissioner (G), Sangrur (on behalf of Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur) on 28.02.2019 at 02.00 PM, in compliance to Hon'ble NGT Order dated 07.08.2018.

Please find enclosed herewith proceedings of the subject cited meeting held on 28.02.2019 for information and ensuring the compliance of the decisions taken in the meeting.
DA/As above

[Signature]
Environmental Engineer

Dated 08/03/2019

Endst. No. 884-85

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for kind information, please:

1. The Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur.
2. The Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Patiala.

[Signature]
Environmental Engineer

Subject:- Minutes of the 3rd meeting of District Level Special Task Force (DLSTF) held under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (G), Sangrur (on behalf of Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur) on 28.02.2019 at 02.00 PM, in compliance to Hon'ble NGT Order dated 07.08.2018.

At the outset of the meeting, the Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Sangrur welcomed the Chairman and members of the District Level Special Task Force. The list of Officials, who attended the meeting, is attached as **Annexure - 1**.

The Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Sangrur apprised that the Hon'ble NGT vide order dated 07.08.2018 has directed the concerned states to restore the water quality of river Ghaggar to prescribed levels. Accordingly, in compliance to the NGT order dtd. 07.08.2018, the Department of Science Technology and Environment vide order dtd. 14.11.2018, has constituted a State Level Special Task Force (SLSTF) and District Level Special Task Force (DLSTF). The District Level Special Task Force has to take action with regard to the mandate of the Task Force as mentioned in the order dtd. 14.11.2018. Also, an executing committee under the Chairmanship of Justice Pritam Pal was constituted to monitor the progress made by Task forces to ensure control of pollution in river Ghaggar.

Further, the Hon'ble NGT vide order dated 20.09.2018 has directed the states to prepare action plan within 2 months to make river water fit at least for bathing purposes. It was also directed that the action plan has to be implemented within 6 months from date of its finalization.

For district Sangrur, a District Level Special Task Force (DLSTF) under the Chairmanship of worthy Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur was constituted and 1st & 2nd meetings were held on 30.11.2018 & 18.12.2018 respectively. Also, the proceedings of the meetings were conveyed to the concerned members departments for information and compliance.

Based on the data supplied by the various departments, the Action Plan for clean Ghaggar has been made by River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) consisting of Director Environment, Director Urban Development, Director of Industries and Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board (functioning under Principal Secretary, Science Technology & Environment). The Action Plan has been approved by the Govt. of Punjab and has been circulated to Heads of all the concerned departments to ensure its implementation, in fixed time frame.

In the Action Plan, sources of pollution in river Ghaggar including the details of drains/villages/MCs discharging their waste water directly or indirectly into river Ghaggar has been given alongwith roles of the concerned departments and timelines for implementation of the same.

During meeting, copies of the Action Plan were given to all the members of District Level Special Task Force (DLSTF) and it was informed by the Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board that the copy of the Action Plan has also been sent to all the member departments through e-mail. As per Action Plan, the Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board has to ensure regular operation of all the STPs installed at Sunam, Lehra, Khanauri & Moonak to achieve effluent standards. To ensure proper functioning of the STPs, regular availability of funds for operation and maintenance has to be ensured. All the STPs should also have standby source of power. The operator of STPs shall also ensure that no bypass arrangement exists to discharge effluent in no demand period. In order to get real time data of the quality of treated wastewater, there is need to install Online Continuous Monitoring System with facility of flow meter at the outlet of all the STPs of the town/ cities located in the catchment area of river Ghaggar and this system should be attached with server of the concerned department as well as Punjab Pollution Control Board so that quality of treated wastewater can be put in the public domain. Further CCTV cameras will be installed to monitor the operation of STPs. The Operation and Maintenance contracts shall

have the responsibilities of the operator clearly defined. The Department of local government shall ensure setting up of new STPs, upgradation of existing STPs and laying down sewerage system for left out areas. It shall also ensure to tap all the point sources leading to river Ghaggar for discharge of effluent. The Department of Rural and Panchayat has to give priorities to the villages located in the vicinity of river Ghaggar, for setting up of treatment facilities. The Department of Soil & Conservation has to commission projects to utilize treated waste water of the STPs located in catchment area of river Ghaggar for irrigation purposes. The Health Department shall organize health check-up camps for the people living in the villages located in vicinity of river Ghaggar and shall submit monthly report in the prescribed performa. The department of Health and other stakeholders will organize awareness programs in the habitation area falling in the catchment area in river Ghaggar to educate them about the harmful effects of water pollution. The Drainage Department shall ensure monitoring of flow of river Ghaggar and various drains leading to it. All the member departments were advised that the implementation of works stated in the Action Plan has to be completed as per timelines given and monthly progress report in this regard is to be submitted in the performas annexed in the Action Plan.

He further apprised that no industrial unit in the jurisdiction of district Sangrur has been allowed to discharge its trade effluent into river Ghaggar directly or indirectly. The Punjab Pollution Control Board is carrying out monitoring of river Ghaggar stretch flowing through District Sangrur, alongwith officials of Haryana State Pollution Control Board on monthly basis, which reveals that class E quality water flows through the stretch of river Ghaggar, passing in the jurisdiction of District Sangrur, which is mainly due to discharge of untreated sewage/sullage from various villages/MCs etc.

Further, the STPs installed at Sunam, Lehragaga, Khanauri & Moonak are also being monitored on monthly basis and analysis results of samples collected are being sent to State Level Special Task Force (SLSTF). As per analysis results of samples collected during month of January, 2019, the concentration of various parameters was found within limits prescribed by the CPCB in samples collected from all these STPs except STP Moonak. Executive Officers of MCs Sunam, Lehragaga, Khanauri & Moonak were given hearings before Chairman of the Board and they have been advised to ensure regular operation of STPs and to apply for Consent to operate under the Water Act, 1974, but none of them has applied for Consent to operate so far.

Thereafter, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (G) said that the pollution in river Ghaggar is being closely monitored by the Executive Committee constituted by Hon'ble NGT. He therefore expressed his concern for making efforts to clean river Ghaggar and directed as under: -

1. The Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board shall ensure regular operation of all the STPs installed at Sunam, Lehragaga, Khanauri & Moonak to achieve effluent standards. Also, regular availability of funds for operation and maintenance of STPs has to be ensured. All the STPs should have standby source of power. The operator of STPs shall also ensure that no bypass arrangement exists to discharge effluent in no demand period. The operator of STPs shall also provide CCTV cameras and Online Continuous Monitoring System to get real time data of the quality of treated wastewater, as per timelines mentioned in the Action Plan. This system should be attached with server of the concerned department as well as Punjab Pollution Control Board so that quality of treated wastewater can be put in the public domain.
2. The Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board shall also ensure completion of STPs at Dhuri and Sangrur, as per timelines given in Action Plan.

3. The Executive Officers of MC Sangrur, MC Dhuri, MC Longowal and NP Cheema shall ensure setting up of new STPs alongwith sewerage system for Sangrur, Dhuri, Longowal & Cheema and ensure to tap all the point sources leading to river Ghaggar for discharge of effluent. They shall also apply for consent to operate as required under the provisions of the Water Act, 1974 for operation of STPs installed at Moonak, Lehragaga, Sunam & Khanauri.
4. The Executive Engineer, Department of Rural and Panchayat shall provide treatment facilities for treatment of waste water of villages located in the vicinity of river Ghaggar, as per priorities/ timelines given in the Action Plan.
5. The District Soil & Conservation Officer shall complete and commission project to utilize treated waste water of the STP Khanauri for irrigation purposes, as per timelines given in the Action Plan.
6. The Civil Surgeon, Department of Health & Family Welfare shall organize health check-up camps for the people living in the villages located in vicinity of river Ghaggar and shall submit monthly report in the prescribed performa.
7. The Civil Surgeon, Department of Health & Family Welfare will also organize awareness programs in the habitation area falling in the catchment area of river Ghaggar alongwith other stakeholders to educate the residents/ habitants about the harmful effects of water pollution.
8. The Executive Engineer (Drainage), Department of Irrigation shall provide flow meters to ensure monitoring of flow of river Ghaggar and various drains leading to it, as per timelines given in the Action Plan.

All the member departments present in the meeting assured to submit the monthly progress report in the prescribed performas annexed in the Action Plan and to complete the work related to their departments in fixed time frame mentioned in it.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

Annexure-1

List of participants, who attended the 3rd meeting of District Level Special Task Force (DLSTF) held on 28.02.2019 in office of Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur, under the Chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (G), Sangrur (on behalf of Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur) in compliance to Hon'ble NGT Order dated 07.08.2018 in the case of River Ghaggar.

Sr. No.	Name of the Officials, Designation / Department
1.	Sh. Harjeet Singh, Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Sangrur
2.	Sh. Kuljit Singh, Executive Engineer, Department of Irrigation (Drainage), Sangrur
3.	Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, District Soil Conservation Officer, Department of Soil & Water Conservation, Sangrur
4.	Sh. Ranjit Singh, Executive Engineer, Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Sangrur
5.	Sh. Karanveer Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sangrur
6.	Sh. Sachin Singla, Assistant Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Sangrur
7.	Sh. Bhavesh Bansal, Sub Divisional Engineer, Punjab water Supply & Sewerage Board, Sangrur
8.	Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Assistant Civil Surgeon, Health Department, Sangrur
9.	Sh. Ashish Kumar, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Lehragaga
10.	Sh. Mukesh Singla, Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Khanouri
11.	Sh. Aparapar Singh, Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Dirba
12.	Sh. Parminder Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Sunam
13.	Sh. Maninder Pal Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Longowal & Nagar Panchayat, Cheema
14.	Sh. Jagdeep Singh, Junior Engineer, Nagar Panchayat Moonak
15.	Sh. Baljinder Singh, Junior Engineer, Municipal Council, Dhuri
16.	Sh. Sanjeev Kumar, Junior Engineer, Department of Punjab water Supply & Sanitation, Sangrur
17.	Sh. Deepak Kumar, Sanitary Inspector, Municipal Council, Bhawanigarh
18.	Sh. Harpal Singh, Accountant, Municipal Council, Ahmedgarh
19.	Sh. Varinder Kumar, Accountant, Nagar Panchayat, Amargarh