

Sub: Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Dera Baba Nanak, Distt Gurdaspur on 19/01/2019 at 02:00 pm at DC office, Gurdaspur regarding discussion of action plan for controlling air pollution of Dera Baba Nanak City with Government Stakeholders.

The list of participants is attached as **Annexure-A**.

At the outset, the Environmental Engineer informed about the history of Dera Baba Nanak City and the background of the Draft Action Plan being prepared by Punjab Pollution Control Board under the supervision of Sh. Rakesh Verma, IAS, Principal Secretary, Science Technology & Environment to Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh. The Government's past efforts were also intimated to the members, in which the Manual RSPM sampler was installed at C-PYTE for measurement of RSPM, SO₂, NO_x for rural areas in the year 2016 bearing of International Border line of Indo-Pakistan Border and air pollution monitoring was being done. Thereafter, the brief of the directions passed by National Green Tribunal in Application no. 681 of 2018 dated 08/10/2018 were also intimated to the members present in the meeting.

The Environmental Engineer also informed that monitoring will be done by the Departments concerned, which are executing or responsible for particular activities. In addition, there will be three level of Air Quality Monitoring Committees (AQMC) to review and monitor the status:

- (i) AQMC at District Level under Deputy Commissioner
- (ii) AQMC at State level under Principal Secretary, Environment
- (iii) Steering Committee under Chief Secretary

The major identified sources of air pollution such as Vehicular Emissions, Road Dust, Burning of Bio-mass & Garbage, Industrial Emissions, Construction and Demolition Activities and Other Sources were described in detail. The department wise related activities were read out as per the Draft Action Plan presented in the meeting from **Annexure-D** to **Annexure-I**.

During meeting, **the action plan for control on Vehicular Emission** was discussed in detail, in which the Sub Divisional Magistrate stressed that education campaign shall be extensively carried out by Department of Transport and Traffic Police by way of contacting the High School & Colleges to encourage the use of e-rickshaws and public transport so as to discourage the use of diesel driven auto-rickshaws thereby resulting in pollution level. The SP Head Quarter, Batala also intimated that they are regularly carrying out extensive drive against polluting vehicles and has issued 35 challans against violating PUC certificate vehicle owners. The Annexure related to this activity was updated as per the feedback received from concerned departments.

The action plan for control on Road Dust was discussed in detail, in which the Sub Divisional Magistrate directed the Traffic Police & Department of Transport and Municipal Council to strive to reduce the travelling time of vehicles on major stretches of roads in the city by i) removing encroachment ii) improving traffic management and iii) improving road conditions. This will help in reducing emissions. The Traffic Police and Department of Transport shall also carryout a time-bound study stretch-wise regarding average time being to traverse a particular length of road by assessing the same as a baseline after removal of potholes in roads, so as to arrive at a solution for smooth flow of the traffic in the city. Also during digging of roads for executing various projects, the executing agency shall coordinate with concerned departments

so that the road be repaired properly and opened to traffic for smooth flow. The Annexure related to this activity was updated as per the feedback received from concerned departments.

The action plan for control on Burning of Garbage and Bio-mass was discussed in detail, in which the Sub Divisional Magistrate emphasized that Municipal Council shall keep track of movement of garbage collected by rag-pickers to the dump site so as to avoid the littering of Municipal Solid Waste mid-way. The Punjab Pollution Control Board shall also involve in the drive for checking open burning of bio-mass/municipal solid waste in the city along with concerned department. The Annexure related to this activity was updated as per the feedback received from concerned departments.

The action plan for control on Industrial Emission was discussed and Punjab Pollution Control Board was directed to monitor the activities stringently.

The action plan for control on Construction and Demolition Activities was discussed in detail, in which the Sub Divisional Magistrate directed Executive Engineer, PWD (B&R) and Executive Officer, Dera Baba Nanak for exploring the possibility of appointing a recycler agency who will reuse / recycle the construction and demolition material.

The Annexure related to this activity was updated as per the feedback received from concerned departments.

The action plan for control on Other Sources (City Specific) was discussed in detail and Punjab Pollution Control Board & Executive Officer, Dera Baba Nanak were directed to monitor these activities stringently.

The Annexure related to this activity was updated as per the feedback received from concerned departments.

At the end, after detailed deliberations, all the representative of the concerned departments were asked whether they agree with the time-lines of various activities mentioned in the Draft Action Plan and all the departments principally agreed with the Draft Action Plan. The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Dera Baba Nanak, Distt Gurdaspur approved the Draft Action Plan.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

The list of participants, who attended the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Dera Baba Nanak, Distt Gurdaspur on 19/01/2019 at 02:00 pm at DC office, Gurdaspur regarding discussion of action plan for controlling air pollution of Dera Baba Nanak City:-

1. Sh. Nirmaljit Singh Sahota, SP Headquarter, Batala
2. Sh. Gurdev Singh, Chief Agriculture Officer, Gurdaspur
3. Er. Ravinder Bhatti, Environmental Engineer, PPCB, Regional Office, Batala.
4. Er. Rantej Sharma, AEE, PPCB, Regional Office, Batala.
5. Sh Bhupinder Singh, Executive Officer, Dera Baba Nanak.
6. Sh. Rakesh Kumar, JE, PWD(B&R), Gurdaspur