

**Sub: Minutes of Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) meeting held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Vipul Ujjwal, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur on 22/04/2019 at 05:00 AM at District Administrative Complex, Gurdaspur to review the progress of activities of Action Plan of Clean Air – Dera Baba Nanak.**

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

At the outset, the Assistant Environmental Engineer brought out that the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, New Delhi has passed orders on 15/03/2019 in O.A. No. 681 of 2018, wherein the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal has directed 06 states including Punjab to submit Action Plan for 09 non-attainment cities of Punjab namely Amritsar, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Patiala, Dera Baba Nanak, Khanna, Mandi Gobindgarh, Naya Nangal and Dera Bassi by 30/04/2019 for bringing the standards of Air Quality within the prescribed norms, failing which states would be liable to pay Environment Compensation of Rs. 1.00 Crore each. Action Plan of the State, if found to be deficient will be liable to pay Rs. 25.00 Lacs each.

He further informed that 4th meeting of Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) held under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Department of Science, Technology & Environment (STE), Govt. of Punjab on 25/03/2019 to review the progress of Action Plans for Clean Air of 09 non-attainment cities, wherein it was decided that Punjab Pollution Control Board shall ensure to conduct meeting of Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) at District level once in a month with the concerned stakeholders responsible for the activities of Action Plan of Clean Air Dera Baba Nanak.

Thereafter, the Chairman asked concerned stake holder to give the report regarding progress achieved in activities of Action Plan.

After getting approval from the Chairman, the Assistant Environmental Engineer asked point wise progress achieved during March, 2019 for the activities covered under **Action Plan for Control on Vehicular Emissions**. The concerned stake holders submitted action taken report for the month of March, 2019, which is as under:-

S. No.	Sub Activity	Responsible Department	Progress Achieved/Directions by Chairman
CVE 1	Public awareness campaign for control of vehicular emissions	Department of Transport	No one from the department of transport attended the meeting.
		Traffic Police	The Superintendent Police (HQ), Batala informed that awareness camps have been organized on weekly basis in educational institutes/ with vehicle unions. He further informed that 05 awareness camps were organized during the month of March, 2019 at Dera Baba Nanak in this regard. He also informed that a separate social media cell is created by the Police Department to spread awareness among peoples. The Chairman directed the Police officers to ensure that pollution check certificates of the vehicles will be issued in camps, organized with drivers, in future. After 01 month of issue of pollution check certificates, vehicles will be checked randomly and challans will be imposed on the violators.
CVE 2	Remote sensor-based PUC system (Pollution Check Centers)	Department of Transport & PPCB	No one from the department of transport attended the meeting. The Assistant Environmental Engineer informed that the matter is under consideration at Head Office level. He further brought out into the kind notice of Chairman that PPCB officers are also checking the PUC centers as per directions received from Head Office from

			time to time and action against violating PUCs is also recommended to Head Office. The Chairman directed PPCB officials to recommend action against violating PUC centers to the Secretary, RTA also.
CVE 3	Extensive drive against polluting vehicles	Traffic Police	The Superintendent of Police informed that 1 challan were issued during the month of March, 2019. He further informed that their department is going to establish a special cell at Dera Baba Nanak after completion of Lok Sabha election, 2019.
CVE 4	Prevent parking of vehicles in non-designated areas	Municipal Council/ Traffic Police	Official of the Municipal Council informed that there is no space available within the M.C limit of the town for construction of new parking. The Chairman directed that official to prepare a parking policy for suitable vehicle parking's within city area and also directed to remove the encroachment outside the shops to ensure free flow of traffic.
CVE 5	Check fuel adulteration	Department of Food and Civil Supplies	The Chairman directed that regular awareness be done by the Department of Food & Civil Supplies in this regard. He further directed that department of DFSC will ensure that all the petrol pumps will have documents & necessary equipment's available at site to check the fuel adulteration by any person at any time.
CVE 6	Widening of road and infrastructure for decongestion of road	Municipal Council	The officials of Municipal Council informed that estimate for widening of 01 Km road stretch has been prepared worth Rs. 25.0 Lac, but amount has not been sanctioned to the M.C yet.
CVE 7	Introduce intelligent traffic systems	Municipal Council	The officials of Municipal Council informed that no work has been done by the M.C in this regard yet.
CVE 8	Install weigh in motion bridges at the borders of cities	NHAI	Not Required
		Municipal Council	
		PWD (B&R)	
CVE 9	Construction of expressways/ bypass to avoid congestion	NHAI	Not Required
CVE 10	Phasing out of vehicles more than 15 years old	Department of Transport	No one from the department of transport attended the meeting, however, the Assistant Environmental Engineer informed that this is policy matter and action is to be taken at Govt. level.
CVE 11	Promotion of battery-operated vehicles	Department of Transport	No one from the department of transport attended the meeting, however, the Assistant Environmental Engineer informed that this is policy matter and action is to be taken at Govt. level.
CVE 12	Introduction of CNG based public transport	Department of Transport	Action not required
CVE 13	Retrofitting of particulate filters in diesel vehicles for BS-V fuels	Department of Transport	No one from the department of transport attended the meeting.

**Action taken report for Control on Road Dust** for the month of March, 2019, which is

as under:-

S. No.	Sub Activity	Responsible Department	Progress Achieved
CRD 1	Maintain potholes free roads for free-flow of traffic	Municipal Council	The official of Municipal Council informed that estimate has been prepared worth Rs. 35.0 Lac for repair of roads. However, no amount is sanctioned to the M.C yet, therefore, no further progress has been made by the M.C in this regard.
CRD 2	Water sprinkling	Municipal Council	The official of Municipal Council informed that the municipal council is having 01 water sprinkling tanker at present and there is proposal to purchase 01 additional water tanker and the same will be purchased by 30.09.2019 The Chairman suggested Municipal Council, Authorities to utilize treated water of STPs for water sprinkling purpose.
CRD 3	Mechanical Sweeping	Municipal Council	Not Feasible
CRD 4	Creation of green buffers along the traffic corridors	Municipal Council	The official of Municipal Council informed that they have already planted more than 250 trees at different locations in Dera Baba Nanak. The Chairman directed the official to identify more land areas to plant trees.
CRD 5	Water fountains at major traffic intersections	Municipal Council	The official of Municipal Council informed that no space is available in the city area for installation of fountain. However, M.C is developing a park with fountain in the city area and about 30% work has been completed. He further informed that tree plantation in the city is a regular activity.
CRD 6	Greening of open areas community places, schools and housing societies		
CRD 7	Blacktopping / laying of Interlocking Tiles of metalled road including pavement of road shoulders	Punjab Mandi Board	No one from the department of Punjab Mandi Board attended the meeting.

**Action taken report for Control on Burning of Garbage and Biomass** for the month

of March, 2019, which is as under:-

S. No.	Sub Activity	Responsible Department	Progress Achieved
CBGB 1	Control on open burning of bio-mass in City	Municipal Council	The officials of Municipal Council informed that MC has constructed 07 composting pits at different locations in the city for collection of horticulture waste to avoid burning of biomass in the city. The Chairman directed the officials to setup a help line number at M.C office, so as to file complaint by the people, if any, in this regard.
CBGB 2	Control on burning of municipal solid wastes	Municipal Council	The officials of Municipal Council informed that MC has constructed 07 composting pits at different locations in the city for collection of horticulture waste to avoid burning of biomass in the city. He further informed that the MC has identified new solid waste dump site at village Sadhanwali and estimate has been prepared by the M.C for construction of 20 new compost pits.
CBGB 3	Control on burning of agriculture waste and crop residue	District Administration, Department of Agriculture, Police, PSPCL, Revenue Department & PPCB	The Assistant Environmental Engineer brought out into the kind notice of Chairman that teams are constituted during crop harvesting season, every year for control of stubble burning incidents The official of Agriculture Department informed about the physical progress report of machinery provided to farmers as well as detail of camps organized at District Level, Block Level and Village Level to control the stubble burning.

**Action Plan for Control on Industrial Emissions** for the month of March, 2019,

which is as under:-

S. No.	Sub Activity	Responsible Department	Progress Achieved
CIE 1	Conversion to CNG/PNG from pet coke / coal	PPCB	Not Required
CIE 2	Conversion from CNG/PNG from coal	PPCB	Not required
CIE 3	Conversion of natural draft brick kilns to induced draft	PPCB	The Assistant Environmental Engineer, PPCB brought into the kind notice of Chairman that only 01 brick kilns exist within 05 Km periphery of MC limits, which has not yet adopted induced draft technology, but the same will adopt induced draft technology by 30.09.2019.
CIE 4	Action against non-complying industrial units	PPCB	Not Required as there is no any industry.is operating within the M.C limit of the town.
CIE 5	Shifting of industries from non-designated areas to industrial areas	Municipal Council	The Assistant Environmental Engineer, PPCB brought into the kind notice of the Chairman that no industry is situated within the M.C limit of Dera Baba Nanak Town, hence no action is required to be taken in this regard.

**Action Plan for Control on Construction and Demolition Activities** for the month

of March, 2019, which is as under:-

S. No.	Sub Activity	Responsible Department	Progress Achieved
CCDA 1	Enforcement of Construction & Demolition Rules	Municipal Council	The official of Municipal Council, informed that the M.C has identified a new site at village Sadhanwali to be used as dump site for construction waste material. The Chairman directed the officials the M.C that M.C will lift the whole construction waste material and construction material stored by the people in the streets since long, from the city area within 01 month. Thereafter, announcement will be done by the M.C for not to dump/store the construction waste material in the city. After announcement, if someone is found violating the provisions of C& D Act, then challan will be issued to that person. The Chairman also directed the officials of PPCB to visit the city area after 01 month to check the compliance made by the M.C.
CCDA 2	Control measures for fugitive emissions	Municipal Council/ NHAI	The Chairman directed the officials of PPCB to write letter to NHAI Authorities for implementation of the provisions of the C&D Act during construction of Corridor Project at Dera Baba Nanak.
CCDA 3	Ensure carriage of construction material in closed/covered vessels	Municipal Council/ NHAI	The Chairman directed the officials of PPCB to write letter to NHAI Authorities for implementation of the provisions of the C& D Rules during construction of Corridor Project at Dera Baba Nanak.

**Action Plan for Control on Other Sources** for the month of March, 2019, which is as

under:-

S. No.	Sub Activity	Responsible Department	Progress Achieved
COS 1	Dissemination of Air Quality Index	PPCB	The Chairman has directed the official of PPCB to make arrangement to install LED at any location in the city area, so as to display the results of RDS machines already installed by PPCB at C-Pyte area to the public.
COS 2	Establish an Air Quality	PPCB	The AEE, PPCB informed that this is policy

	Management Division at SPCB HQ		matter and relates to Head Office.
COS 3	Setup helpline in each city / town as well as SPCB HQ Policy	PPCB	The AEE, PPCB informed that this is policy matter and relates to Head Office. The Chairman asked about the helpline to be setup at the city level.
COS 4	Coverage of LPG/PNG for domestic and commercial cooking	Municipal Council	The officials of Municipal Council informed that no progress has been made in this regard yet.
COS 5	Monitoring of D.G sets	PPCB/Municipal Council	The AEE, informed that there is no industrial unit operating in the M.C limit of Dera Baba Nanak.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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## **Annexure-A**

The list of participants, who attended the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Gurdaspur on 22/04/2019 at 05:00 AM at District Administrative Complex, Gurdaspur to review the progress of activities of Action Plan of Clean Air – Dera Baba Nanak:-

1. Sh. Nirmaljit Singh Sahota, Superintendent of Police (H.Q), Batala.
2. Sh. Prabhjit Singh, Dy. Project Director, Department of Agriculture, Gurdaspur.
3. Sh. Manpreet Singh, Junior Assitant, Municipal Council, Dera Baba Nanak.
4. Sh. Sukhninder Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur
5. Sh. Amrik Singh, Range Officer, Department of Forests, Gurdaspur.
6. Sh. Gurmit Singh, AEE, PPCB, Regional Office, Batala.

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