

Sub: Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (General), Jalandhar on 21/01/2019 at 04:00 pm at Committee Hall, DC Office, Jalandhar regarding discussion of action plan for controlling air pollution of Jalandhar City with Government Stakeholders.

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

At the outset, the Assistant Environmental Engineer, Regional Office, Jalandhar informed about the history of Jalandhar 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 action plan for abatement of pollution in Jalandhar was being reviewed for implementation of effective measures which included water & air pollution. The first meeting of which was held on 01.02.2015. Meetings were conducted to review progress made by various departments. No moratorium was ever imposed by MoEF. Punjab Pollution Control Board has been regularly keeping check on air polluting industries in Jalandhar town and regularly monitoring to bring down the level of air pollution. 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. It was also informed that the annual average AQI in the year 2018 was 117 which lies in moderately polluting category.

The Assistant 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-C** to **Annexure-H**.

During meeting, **the action plan for control on Vehicular Emission** was discussed in detail, in which the Additional Deputy Commissioner (G) 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 Inspector (Traffic Police) also intimated that they are regularly carrying out extensive drive against polluting vehicles and has issued 1174 challans against violating PUC certificate vehicle owners. The NHAI Authorities informed that the stretch from Rama Mandi Chowk to P.A.P Chowk on NH-1 is under construction. The Additional Deputy Commissioner (G) directed NHAI Authorities to complete the construction work of this stretch on priority as it is one of the major traffic congestion point in the city. The Municipal Corporation Authorities informed regarding

parking zones exist in the city which is being operated on BOT and Auction basis. The Annexure related to this activity was updated as per the feedback received from concerned departments. The Additional Deputy Commissioner (G) directed officials for PPCB to contact Department of Transport to obtain exact figures of no. of e-rickshaws, CNG equipped auto-rickshaws/vehicles plying in the city.

**The action plan for control on Road Dust** was discussed in detail, in which the Additional Deputy Commissioner (G) directed the NHAI, PWD and Municipal Corporation to provide buffer along the traffic corridor and to maintain pothole free roads for free flow of traffic. The Municipal Corporation Authorities informed during meeting that the department has deployed water tankers in the city for sprinkling of water at various part of city to control the dust emission. Moreover, the Municipal Corporation Authorities informed that in the city at 4 no. sites water fountains exists to control dust emissions generated at traffic intersections. 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 Additional Deputy Commissioner (G) emphasized that Municipal Corporation 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. Municipal Corporation Authorities informed that 18 no. challans were issued in 2017 and 24 no. challans were issued in 2018 against burning of Bio-Mass Waste. The officials from Punjab Pollution Control Board informed that the Municipal Corporation was granted authorization under Solid Waste Rules 2016 with the condition the Municipal Corporation shall submit time bound action plan for dump site within one month to process the entire waste already dumped solid waste at Wariana dump site scientifically manner within one year. Municipal Corporation Authorities were directed to comply with the aforesaid conditions imposed in the authorization regarding handling of Municipal Solid Waste. 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 in detail, and Punjab Pollution Control Board was directed to monitor these activities stringently. Town planning authorities presenting in the meeting informed that relaxation has been given to the industries operating in non-designated areas to shift to industrial area within 15 years from the year on which Master Plan Jalandhar has been notified (i.e 2010).

**The action plan for control on Construction and Demolition Activities** was discussed in detail, the officials from Municipal Corporation informed that 4 no. sites have been notified in Jalandhar for disposal of construction debris. The Additional Deputy Commissioner (G) directed Municipal Corporation Authorities that construction waste be strictly disposed off at these 4 notified sites through closed vessels.

**The action plan for control on Other Sources (City Specific)** was discussed in detail. M/s Jay Madhok Energy Pvt Ltd. authorities were directed to carry out the activities for laying of CNG & PNG pipelines in the city strictly in consultation with Municipal Corporation.

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 Additional Deputy Commissioner (G), Jalandhar approved the Draft Action Plan.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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The list of participants, who attended the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (G), Jalandhar on 21/01/2019 at 04:00 pm at Committee Hall, DC Office, Jalandhar regarding discussion of action plan for controlling air pollution of Jalandhar City -

1. Sh. Jasbir Singh, PCS, Additional Deputy Commissioner (G), Jalandhar
2. Sh. Rajiv Verma, Joint Commissioner, Municipal Corporation , Jalandhar
3. Dr. Raj Komal, Assistant Health Officer, Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar
4. Sh. Ginder Singh, XEN, PWD (B&R), Jalandhar
5. Sh. Som Nath Verma, XEN, Construction Division-2 (B&R), Jalandhar
6. Sh. Jaswant Singh, Trust Engineer, Improvement Trust, Jalandhar
7. Sh. Sandeep Kumar, Assistant Environmental Engineer, PPCB, Jalandhar
8. Sh. Guneet Sethi, Assistant Environmental Engineer, PPCB, Jalandhar
9. Sh. Nek Chand, SDE, Construction Division-1 PWD (B&R), Jalandhar
10. Sh. Gurmit Singh, SDO, PSIEC, Jalandhar
11. Ms. Seema Dhawan, Function Manager, DIC, Jalandhar
12. Sh. Sandeep Kumar, Divisional Engineer Public Health, JDA, Jalandhar
13. Sh. Jagjivan Jaswal, Range Officer, Forest Department, Jalandhar
14. Sh. Kartic Gupta, Young Professional Technical, NHAI, Jalandhar
15. Sh. Jagdish Parsad, Inspector, Traffic Police, Jalandhar
16. Sh. Tarsem Lal, Punjab Home Guard, Traffic Police, Jalandhar
17. Sh. Inderjeet, Head Draftman, Jalandhar Improvement Trust, Jalandhar
18. Sh. Jayant Malik, M/s Jay Madhok Energy Pvt Ltd, Jalandhar