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To

1.	The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Khanna	10	The General Manager, District Industries Centre, Ludhiana
2.	The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Khanna	11	The Asstt. Executive Engineer, Punjab Small Industries & Export Corporation, Khanna
3.	The Regional Transport Authority, Ludhiana	12	The Block Agriculture Officer, Deptt. of Agriculture, Khanna
4.	The Senior Medical Officer, Civil Hospital, Khanna	13	The General Manager-cum- Project Director, NHAI, 17-L, Model Town, Ambala City.
5.	The Divisional Forest Officer, Khanna	14	The Project Incharge, IRM Energy Pvt. Ltd., Khanna
6.	The Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Khanna	15	The District Controller, Deptt. of Food, Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Khanna
7.	The Sub Divisional Engineer, Prevention Sub Division, PWD (B & R), Khanna	16	The Vice President, Small Scale Steel Rollers Association, Khanna
8.	The District Town Planner, Khanna	17	The President, All India Steel Re-Rollers Association, Bhadla Road, Khanna
9.	The Executive Engineer, Punjab Small Industries & Export Corporation, 18, Himalya Marg, Udyog Bhawan, Sector-17-A, Chandigarh-160017		

Subject: Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of worthy Additional Deputy Commissioner, Khanna on 25.01.2019 in Conference Room, Market Committee Office, Khanna - To finalize the action plan of non-attainment city – Khanna.

Please find enclosed herewith minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of worthy Additional Deputy Commissioner, Khanna on 25.01.2019 in Conference Room, Market Committee Office, Khanna - To finalize the action plan of non-attainment city – Khanna for your information and further necessary action.

DA/- As above.

**Sd/-
Environmental Engineer**

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

1. The Additional Deputy Commissioner, Khanna.
2. PS to Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala for kind information of Chairman please.
3. The Chief Environmental Engineer (B), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
4. The Joint Director, Directorate of Environment & Climate Change, Deptt. of Science, Technology & Environment, Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh.
5. The Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office-II, Patiala.
6. The Scientific Officer (Air), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Patiala.
7. The District Public Relation Officer, Khanna.

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Environmental Engineer**

Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of worthy Additional Deputy Commissioner, Khanna on 25.01.2019 in Conference Room, Market Committee Office, Khanna - To finalize the action plan of non-attainment city – Khanna.

Following were present in this meeting on behalf of various concerned Departments:

1. Sh. Sundeep Singh, SDM, Khanna.
2. Sh. Vijay Kumar, Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Fatehgarh Sahib.
3. Sh. Deepak Rai, DSP, Khanna
4. Sh. Amit Kumar, Asstt. Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Fatehgarh Sahib.
5. Sh. Gulshan Kumar, Asstt. Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Fatehgarh Sahib.
6. Sh. Varinder Singh, O/o DTP, Khanna.
7. Sh. Ranbir Singh, EO, MC, Khanna
8. Dr. MS Bhasin Off. SMO, Civil Hospital Khanna,
9. Sh. Dilbagh Singh, ADO, Deptt. of Agriculture, Khanna
10. Sh. Prabhat Tiwari, Project Incharge, IRM Energy Ltd., Khanna
11. Sh. Bhavya Gupta, IRM Energy Ltd., Khanna
12. Sh. Amandeep Kumar, PWD (B&R), Khanna
13. Sh. Jaswant Singh, DIC, Khanna
14. Rajan Garg, Vice President, Small Scale Steel Rollers, Associations
15. Darshan Singh, General Secretary, Khanna
16. Anil Bhardwaj, AISRA, Khanna

At the outlet, Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board welcomed all the officers/ officials of various Departments present in the meeting. Thereafter, he informed that the Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi, has declared Khanna as non-attainment city due to non-conforming to the ambient air quantity standards. Nine cities of Punjab namely DeraBassi, Nangal, Patiala, Mandi Gobindgarh, Khanna, Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Pathankot and Amritsar were declared non-attainment cities by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on the basis of Ambient air data for the period of 2011-2015 for not meeting the annual average of $60 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for PM_{10} . The directions were issued to the PPCB by CPCB to prepare action plans for the above stated non-attainment cities of Punjab. Subsequently, National Green Tribunal has taken cognizance of draft National Clean Air Program and passed directions in the matter of application no. 681 of 2018 dated 8/10/2018. The important points of the said directions given as under:

- (i). Action plans to be prepared within two months aimed at bringing the standards of air quality within the prescribed norms within six months from date of finalization of the action plans.
- (ii). The action plans may be prepared by six member committee comprising of Director of Environment, Transport, Industries, Urban Development, Agriculture and Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board under the overall supervision of Principal Secretary, Environment and further supervised by Chief Secretary.
- (iii). The Action plans may take into account the GRAP, the CAP and the action plan prepared by CPCB as well as all other relevant factors.
- (iv). The Action Plan will include components like identification of source and its apportionment considering sectors like vehicular pollution, industrial pollution,

dust pollution, construction activities, garbage burning, agricultural pollution including pollution caused by burning of crop residue, residential and indoor pollution etc.

- (v). The Action plan shall also consider measures for strengthening of Ambient Air Quality (AAQ) monitoring and steps for public awareness include issuing of advisory to public for prevention and control of air pollution and involvement of schools, colleges and other academic institutions and awareness programmes.
- (vi). The Action plan will indicate steps to be taken to check different sources of pollution having speedy, definite and specific timelines for execution.
- (vii). The Action plan should be consistent with the carrying capacity assessment of the non-attainment cities in terms of vehicular pollution, industrial emissions and population density, extent of construction and construction activities etc. The carrying capacity assessment shall also lay emphasis on agricultural and indoor pollution in rural areas. Depending upon assessed carrying capacity and source apportionment, the authorities may consider the need for regulating, number of vehicles and their parking and plying, population density, extent of construction and construction activities etc. Guidelines may accordingly be framed to regulate vehicles and industries in non-attainment cities in terms of carrying capacity assessment and source apportionment.

In compliance to the above orders, the draft action plan to contain the ambient air quality within the prescribed standards has been prepared. A copy of this draft action plan has been emailed to all the concerned District Departments by the Punjab Pollution Control Board before the meeting.

During meeting, the Chairman of the committee directed all the stakeholders / concerned departments to study the targets mentioned for their departments in draft Action plan of Khanna prepared by Punjab Pollution Control Board and shall submit feedback / suggestions / timelines against respective activities, if any.

Accordingly, the Chairman also suggested that strict ban should be imposed on "Galle wale Trucks" which cause more vehicular pollution than any other vehicle, these trucks are operated only during the harvesting seasons and remain idle during rest of the year and are not maintained in good condition.

Further, the SDM also informed that during 550th celebration of birth of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the Govt. of Punjab has decided to plant 550 trees in each village. He also stressed on the point that due care of the trees planted shall be taken, as majority of the saplings planted die due to negligence.

Further, Traffic Police Incharge suggested that the transferring of registration certificates of the vehicles should also be made online so that challans could be issued by connecting the data with VAHAN application.

Further, EO, MC Khanna, informed proper plan has been prepared for re-location of rehri walas / street vendors, to reduce traffic congestion.

Further, Vice President, Small Scale Steel Re Roller Association Khanna suggested as under:

1. The Major source of Air Pollution is industry (40%). No doubt industry is responsible for some amount of Air Pollution but industry is also necessary for

overall development and growth of state. The industry has always cooperated to control pollution as has been advised time to time by Pollution Control Board.

There is a suggestion on draft Action Plan to switch to PNG instead of coal. As industry we fully support the suggestion but there are economic compulsions also to run industry. We have suggested a number of times to State Gove to make PNG Vat free to make it economically viable. The industry should be given financial assistance to build necessary infrastructure to encourage more and more units to use this green fuel. So we request your goodself to take up this matter at appropriate level and find a solution.

2. The second major source of Air Pollution is Dust (30%). One major point ignored by this Action plan is more and more cutting of trees for widening of various highways from 2008 to till date. There was very little plantation compared to cutting of trees. It has contributed a lot in the bad quality of Air in the Khanna area. As far as we know for each tree cut down for widening of road, need to plant another tree. But in the last 10-11 Years there was no plantation on this level that could have compensated the cutting of trees. So it is requested to carry out Plantation drive on war level to improve air quality.
3. The third contributory of Air Pollution is vehicular pollution (20%). To control Vehicular Pollution, Public must be encouraged to use CNG vehicles. A CNG station should also be set up in Khanna city to support CNG vehicles. Service Road within city limits should be widened to get rid of Traffic Jams. There is no Public Parking spots should also be encourage to get rid of Parking on Roads to solve the problems of traffic jams.
4. It is pertinent to mention here that temporary closure of industry in severe conditions perhaps may not help much, but it will lead to socio-economic problems like reduction in volume of trade, less growth rate, less income for public unemployment leading to increase in crimes also. So we request you to make the Action Plan to combat poor Air quality more practical so that all the stakeholders can participate positively to improve the Air Quality of area.

In view of above suggestions, the Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, RO, FGS informed that the suggestions will be perused thoroughly and thereafter, will be in-corporated in the Action Plan of Khanna.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.