

Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of worthy Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib on 24.01.2019 in Conference Room, DC Office Complex, Fatehgarh Sahib- To finalize the action plan of non-attainment city – Mandi Gobindgarh.

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

1. Sh. Anand Sagar Sharma, SDM, Amlah
2. Sh. Vijay Kumar, Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Fatehgarh Sahib.
3. Sh. S. S. Virk, DSP, Fatehgarh Sahib
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. Mohit Singla, Asstt. Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Fatehgarh Sahib.
7. Sh. Paramvir Singh, O/o DTP, Fatehgarh Sahib.
8. Smt. Prabhjot Kaur Mangat, Block Officer, Deptt. of Forest, Fatehgarh Sahib.
9. Sh. Gurprem Singh Bedi, Deptt. of Agriculture, Fatehgarh Sahib.
10. Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, Soma Roadies
11. Sh. Prabhat Tiwari, Project Incharge, IRM Energy Ltd., Fatehgarh Sahib
12. Sh. Shashank Kumar, IRM Energy Ltd., Fatehgarh Sahib
13. Sh. S. K. Sharma, Xen, PSIEC, Fatehgarh Sahib
14. Sh. Amarjit Singh, SDE, PSIEC, Fatehgarh Sahib
15. Sh. Satish Kumar, ADO, Deptt. of Agriculture, Fatehgarh Sahib
16. Sh. Charanjit Singh, EO, MC, Gobindgarh
17. Sh. M. K. Garg, SDE, PWD (B&R), Sirhind
18. Er. P. S. Dhillon, Deptt. of Transport
19. Sh. Vishal Devgan, DIC, Mandi Gobindgarh

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 Mandi Gobindgarh 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 has directed all the stakeholders / concerned departments to study the targets mentioned for their departments in draft Action plan of Mandi Gobindgarh prepared by Punjab Pollution Control Board and shall submit feedback / suggestions / timelines against respective activities by Monday i.e. 28/1/2019. The Chairman has also directed the stakeholders to submit a report regarding estimated funds required for such activities.

The meeting was ended with vote of thanks.