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4. District Development & Panchayat Officer, DC Complex, Mansa
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7. Executive Engineer, Drainage Department, ZilaPrishad Complex, Mansa
8. Executive Engineer, Soil and WaterConservation Department, DC Complex, Mansa
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10. Senior Medical Officer, Sardulgarh, Distt. Mansa
11. Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Sardulgarh

Sub: - Proceedings of 5th meeting of District Level Special Task Force held 21.08.2019 at 11.30 AM in compliance to Hon'ble NGT Order dated 07.08.2018.

Enclosed, please find herewith the proceedings of 5th meeting of District Level Special Task Force held on 21.08.2019 at 11.30 AM in compliance to Hon'ble NGT Order dated 07.08.2018 for your kind information and compliance of decisions.

DA/ As above.

Endst. No. 4070

Dated: 28/8/19

Environmental Engineer
28/8/2019

A copy of the above is forwarded to the Hon'ble Justice Pritam Pal, Chairman, Executive Committee constituted by Hon'ble NGT, New Delhi for the kind information please.

DA/ As above.

Endst. No. 4071

Dated: 28/8/19

Environmental Engineer
28/8/2019

A copy of the above is forwarded to the Hon'ble Chief Secretary, Govt. of Punjab, being Chairperson of State Level Special Task Force, for the kind information please.

DA/ As above.

Endst. No. 4072

Dated: 28/8/19

Environmental Engineer
28/8/2019

A copy of the above is forwarded to the P.A. to Deputy Commissioner, Mansa for the kind information of Worthy Deputy Commissioner, Mansa please.

DA/ As above.

Endst. No. 4073

Dated: 28/8/19

Environmental Engineer
28/8/2019

A copy of the above is forwarded to the Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office, Bathinda for kind information please.

DA/ As above.

Environmental Engineer
28/8/2019

Subject: - Minutes of the 5th meeting of District Level Special Task Force (DLSTF) held under on 21.08.2019 at 11.30 AM, in compliance to Hon'ble NGT Order dated 07.08.2018.

1. At the outset of the meeting, the Assistant Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Bathinda welcomed the Chairman and members of the District Level Special Task Force. The list of Officials, who attended the meeting, is attached as **Annexure – 1**.
2. The Assistant Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Bathinda apprised that the State Level Task Force has constituted District Level Task Force for District Mansa under the Chairmanship of worthy Deputy Commissioner, Mansa and 1st, 2nd and 3rd meetings were held on 30.11.2018, 18.12.2018 and 28.03.2019 respectively. Also, the proceedings of the meetings were conveyed to the concerned members departments for information and compliance.
3. Further, the Hon'ble NGT vide order dated 07.08.2018 has directed the concerned states to restore the water quality of river Ghaggar to prescribed levels. Accordingly, in compliance to the NGT order dtd. 07.08.2018, the Department of Science Technology and Environment vide order dtd. 14.11.2018 has constituted a State Level Special Task Force (SLSTF) and District Level Special Task Force (DLSTF). The District Level Special Task Force has to take action with regard to the mandate of the Task Force as mentioned in the order dtd. 14.11.2018. Also, an executing committee under the Chairmanship of Justice Pritam Pal was constituted to monitor the progress made by Task forces to ensure control of pollution in river Ghaggar. The Hon'ble NGT vide order dated 20.09.2018 has directed the states to prepare action plan within 2 months to make river water fit at least for bathing purposes. It was also directed that the action plan has to be implemented within 6 months from date of its finalization.
4. Based on the data supplied by the various departments, the Action Plan for clean Ghaggar has been made by River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) consisting of Director Environment, Director Urban Development, Director of Industries and Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board (functioning under Principal Secretary, Science Technology & Environment). The Action Plan has been approved by the Govt. of Punjab and has been circulated to Heads of all the concerned departments to ensure its implementation, in fixed time frame. In the Action Plan, sources of pollution in river Ghaggar including the details of drains/villages/MCs discharging their waste water directly or indirectly into river Ghaggar has been given alongwith roles of the concerned Departments and timelines for implementation of the same.
5. Copies of the Action Plan were supplied to all the members of District Level Special Task Force during 3rd meeting on 28.03.2019. It was also informed to members that as per the Action Plan, various tasks have been given to different Departments and also briefed as under:
 - a) Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board has to ensure regular operation of all the STPs installed at Bhikhi, Budhlada, Baretta & Sardulgarh to achieve effluent standards. To ensure proper functioning of the STPs, regular availability of funds for operation and maintenance has to be ensured. All the STPs should also have standby source of power. The operator of STPs shall also ensure that no bypass arrangement exists to discharge effluent in no demand period. In order to get real time data of the quality of treated wastewater, there is need to install Online Continuous Monitoring System with facility of flow meter at the outlet of all the STPs of the town/ cities located in the catchment area of river Ghaggar and this system should be attached with server of the concerned department as well as Punjab Pollution Control Board so that quality of treated wastewater can be put in the public domain. Further CCTV cameras will be installed to monitor the operation of STPs. The Operation and Maintenance contracts shall have the responsibilities of the operator clearly defined. The Department of local government shall ensure setting up of new STPs, upgradation of existing STPs and laying down sewerage system for left out areas. It shall also ensure to tap all the point sources leading to river Ghaggar for discharge of effluent.

- b) The Department of Rural and Panchayat has to give priorities to the villages located in the vicinity of river Ghaggar, for setting up of treatment facilities.
- c) The Department of Soil & Conservation has to commission projects to utilize treated waste water of the STPs located in catchment area of river Ghaggar for irrigation purposes.
- d) The Health Department shall organize health check-up camps for the people living in the villages located in vicinity of river Ghaggar and shall submit monthly report in the prescribed performa.
- e) The department of Health along with Department of Water Supply & Sanitation and other stakeholders will organize awareness programs in the habitation area falling in the catchment area in river Ghaggar to educate them about the harmful effects of water pollution.
- f) The Drainage Department shall ensure monitoring of flow of river Ghaggar and various drains leading to it. All the stakeholders were advised that the implementation of works stated in the Action Plan has to be completed as per timelines given and monthly progress report in this regard is to be submitted in the performas annexed in the Action Plan.

6. It is further apprised that no industrial unit in the jurisdiction of District Mansa discharges its trade effluent into river Ghaggar directly or indirectly. The Punjab Pollution Control Board is carrying out monitoring of river Ghaggar stretch flowing through District Mansa, alongwith officials of Haryana State Pollution Control Board on monthly basis, which reveals that Class-E quality water flows through the stretch of river Ghaggar, passing in the jurisdiction of District Mansa, which is mainly due to discharge of untreated sewage/sullage from various villages/MCs etc.

7. It was further apprised that the STPs installed at Bhikhi, Budhlada, Baretta & Sardulgarh are also being monitored on monthly basis. As per analysis reports none of the STP is meeting with the prescribed standards and analysis results of samples collected are being sent to State Level Special Task Force (SLSTF). Copy of the notification of standards applicable to the STPs was again supplied to the Executive Engineer, PWSSB, Mansa and DDPO Mansa for their information and to ensure compliance of the standards. Executive Officers of MCs, Bhikhi, Budhlada, Baretta & Sardulgarh were given hearings before Chairman of the Board and they have been advised to ensure regular operation of STPs and to apply for Consent to operate under the Water Act, 1974, but none of them has applied for Consent to operate so far. It was also informed that there is a leakage in the rising main of STP Budhlada which needs to be repaired. The flow meter provided at the outlet of STP Budhlada is out of order which needs to be repaired / replaced immediately so that quantity of effluent treated and discharged may be monitored properly.

The Executive Engineer, PWSSB, Mansa intimated that NIT has been issued for the provision of online continuous monitoring system and shall be installed before the time line fixed as per the action plan. He further agreed that flow meter at outlet of STP Budhlada shall be get repaired / replaced before 31.08.2019 as directed by Chairperson.

8. The STP Baretta is not giving treated trade effluent for irrigation purposes to the farmers for the last 3 months. The representative of Soil & Water Conservation informed that operator is not available for the purpose and the same is to be provided by local MC.

9. It was also discussed that STPs also required to be installed in various villages of Distt. Mansa by the Department of Rural & Panchayat as per the time frame mentioned in the action plan. DDPO Mansa intimated that they do not know about any technology of STP to prepare the DPR for the purpose. The representative of the PPCB informed that the present applicable standards for STPs has been notified by PPCB vide notification no. 188 dated 28.03.2019 and requested to adopt suitable technology so as to achieve the prescribed standards. It was further adviced the DDPO to engage any suitable consultant for the purpose and one of them is Punjab State Concll for Science and Technology, MAGSIPA Complex, Adj. Sacred Heart School, Sector-26, Chandigarh, which is an Government agency. DDPO Mansa intimated

that their department is having no funds for the consultancy services and for provision of STPs for the villages listed in the action plan.

10. Thereafter, the Chairperson apprised the members that the pollution in river Ghaggar is being closely monitored by the Executive Committee constituted by Hon'ble NGT & they have expressed her concern for making efforts to clean river Ghaggar.

After detailed deliberations, the Chairman of the District Level Task Force decided as under:

- I. The Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board shall ensure regular operation & up-gradation of all the STPs as per action plan of river Ghaggar, installed at Bhikhi, Bareta, Budhlada & Sardulgarh to achieve prescribed effluent standards. Regular availability of funds for operation and maintenance of STPs has to be ensured. All the STPs should have standby source of power. The operator of STPs shall also ensure that no bypass arrangement exists to discharge effluent in no demand period. During heavy rain, if rain water to be by-passed written permission be obtained from PPCB and by-pass to be resealed after discharge of accumulated rain water. The operator of STPs shall also provide CCTV cameras and Online Continuous Monitoring System to get real time data of the quality of treated wastewater, as per timelines mentioned in the Action Plan. This system should be attached with server of the concerned department as well as Punjab Pollution Control Board so that quality of treated wastewater can be put in the public domain.
- II. The Department of Local Govt. shall also ensure the implementation of "no use of Plastic Carry Bags" and ensure compliance of Plastic Carry Bags Rules / Notification. The use of Plastic Carry Bags shall be checked twice a week by the concerned MC and report in the matter shall be submitted during the next meeting.
- III. The Department of Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board shall ensure setting up of STP at Boha within stipulated time period as per Action Plan, which is 31.03.2020.
- IV. The Executive Engineer, Department of Rural and Panchayat shall provide treatment facilities for treatment of waste water of villages located in the vicinity of river Ghaggar, as per priorities/ timelines given in the Action Plan. The Chairperson directed the DDPO Mansa to tie-up for the required funds and to engage the consultancy for preferably Punjab State Council for Science and Technology (PSCST), MAGSIPA Complex, Adj. Sacred Heart School, Sector-26, Chandigarh, which is an Government agency.
- V. The District Soil & Conservation Officer shall complete and commission project to utilize treated waste water of the STP, Boha and other STPs for irrigation purposes, as per timelines given in the Action Plan.
- VI. The Civil Surgeon, Department of Health & Family Welfare and Department of Water Supply & Sanitation shall organize health check-up camps for the people living in the villages located in vicinity of river Ghaggar and shall submit monthly report in the prescribed performa.
- VII. The Civil Surgeon, Department of Health & Family Welfare will also organize awareness programs in the habitation area falling in the catchment area of river Ghaggar alongwith other stakeholders to educate the residents/ habitants about the harmful effects of water pollution.
- VIII. The Executive Engineer (Drainage), Department of Irrigation shall provide flow meters to ensure monitoring of flow of river Ghaggar and various drains leading to it, as per timelines given in the Action Plan.

All the member departments present in the meeting assured to submit the monthly progress report in the prescribed performas annexed in the Action Plan and to complete the work related to their departments in fixed time frame mentioned in it.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

Annexure-1

List of participants, who attended the 5th meeting of District Level Special Task Force (DLSTF) held on 21.08.2019 in office of Deputy Commissioner, Mansa, in compliance to Hon'ble NGT Order dated 07.08.2018 in the case of River Ghaggar.

Sr. No.	Name of the Officials, Designation / Department
1.	Sh. Rajdeep Singh Brar, ADC (G), Mansa on behalf of Deputy Commissioner, Mansa / Chairman District Level Special Task Force (DLSTF)
2.	Sh. Sukhdev Singh Gill, Assistant Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Bathinda
3.	Sh. S.S. Dhillon, Executive Engineer, Punjab water Supply & Sewerage Board, Mansa
4.	Sh. Dinesh Vashist, DDPO, Mansa.
5.	Sh. Rajan Dhingra, Xen, Dranage, Mansa.
6.	Sh. Jaswinder Singh, SDO, Dranage, Mansa.
7.	Sh. Gagandeep, Soil & Water Conservation Department, Mansa
8.	Sh. Sikander Singh, Representative of Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Sardulgarh, Distt. Masna
9.	Sh. Ashok Kumar Gupta, Representative of PWSSB, Division no. 2, Mansa.