

Minutes of 1st meeting of the District Level Special Task Force held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, SAS Nagar on 30.11.2018 at 11.00 a.m. in Room No. 257, Mini Secretariat, SAS Nagar.

First meeting of District Level Special Task Force was held with the officers of stake holder departments at 11 am on 30.11.2018 under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, SAS Nagar for ensuring compliance of the orders passed by the Hon'ble NGT on 7/8/2018 in matter of OA No. 139 of 2016 titled as Stench Grips Mansa's Sacred Ghaggar River (Suo Motu Case) And Yogender Kumar and mandate as mentioned in the order dated 14.11.2018 issued by Department of Science, Technology & Environment. The list of Officers, who attended the meeting, is enclosed as **Annexure-I**. The officers of Department of Irrigation (Drainage), Municipal Corporation, SAS Nagar and Deptt. of Water Supply & Sanitation were not present in the meeting. Furthermore, District and Sessions Judge, SAS Nagar was also requested vide letter no. 5832 dated 28.11.2018 to nominate a member to attend the meeting, however, no member was nominated to attend the said meeting.

At the outset, Sh. S.S. Matharu, Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board welcomed the Chairperson and officers of the stakeholder departments of the District Level Special Task Force. After a brief introduction to the officers present in the meeting, the Chairperson of the District Level Special Task Force brought out about the seriousness of the matter for control of pollution in river Ghaggar.

Thereafter, the matter was discussed and the details in this regard are given in the subsequent paras:

1. Er. S. S. Matharu, Environmental Engineer, PPCB gave a detailed power point presentation w.r.t. present status of various sources entering river Ghaggar, which are affecting its quality and the role of various stakeholder departments to control the pollution from river Ghaggar.
 - ❖ River Ghaggar originates from Sirmour Hills, HP (Kaushalya River) and its total length is 165 Km.
 - ❖ It enters in the jurisdiction of SAS Nagar near village Mubarikpur, Distt. SAS Nagar (through Haryana) and after traversing through the territory of District SAS Nagar, it enters in District Patiala and subsequently in District Sangrur and Mansa.
 - ❖ At Mubarikpur village, the quality of water of river Ghaggar is of class D and as per orders of Hon'ble NGT, the quality of water of this river should be class B. Therefore, necessary steps are required to be taken by all the stakeholder departments to control the pollution from river Ghaggar.
 - ❖ There are mainly 5 local bodies namely SAS Nagar, Zirakpur, Dera Bassi, Banur and Lalru, which are discharging their untreated / treated sewage /

sullage in river Ghaggar either directly or indirectly. The status of STPs of these local bodies is given as under :

S.No.	Name of Local Body	Capacity of the STP	Present Status
1	MC, SAS Nagar	45 MLD	In operation
2	Zirakpur	17.3 MLD	In operation
3	Dera Bassi	4 MLD	At the verge of Commissioning. For installation of another module of STP of 2 MLD capacity, the land is available at Vill. Issapur and the tender for installation of STP is being invited.
4	Banur	4 MLD	In operation
5	Lalru	1.5 MLD	In operation and for installation of another module of STP of 1.5 MLD capacity, the land has been identified but the nearby residents have filed a suit in the court of law at Dera Bassi against its establishment

- ❖ PPCB has already identified 41 major water polluting industries which are located in the catchment area of River Ghaggar. The Board has not allowed any industry to discharge its treated/ untreated wastewater into River Ghaggar directly/ indirectly. All the industries have installed their captive ETPs to treat the trade effluent and the Board is monitoring these industries on regular basis.
- ❖ The mandate of the task force was informed as under :
 - It shall identify all persons responsible for violation of law and norms relating to pollution in Ghaggar River and the drains joining it.
 - It shall review action by the Competent Authority as regards Civil and Criminal action against the violators as well as those who fall to perform their duties in this regard.
 - It shall submit a monthly report on all actions taken by it to the State Level Special Task Force, by first week of every month.
 - It shall also assist the SLSTF in preparation of the action plan and finalizing the timelines.
 - It shall involve Civil Society Organizations and public participation in preparing the action plan in all possible areas.

- It shall ensure periodic sampling of river water as well as ground water to check water quality.
- ❖ A dedicated web portal has been provided by the Punjab State Government for uploading information regarding action taken and also for receiving feedback from the public or stakeholders. A link has been provided on Board's website i.e. www.ppcb.gov.in at home page under the sub head 'Executing Committee for River Ghaggar' of the head 'Focus Area' for uploading the details/ data of the Executing Committee. Proceedings of all the six meetings of the Executing Committee have been uploaded on the website including the orders dated 7/8/2018 passed by the Hon'ble NGT, draft Action Plan, proceedings of the meeting taken by MS, PPCB with various stakeholder departments. Also, other activities related to the project are being uploaded on the website from time to time.

E.O., MC, Banur informed that entire sewage generated from the town is treated in the STP and no untreated sewage is discharged into the drain leading to Dhakansu Choe, which eventually meets river Ghaggar.

Municipal Engineer, Municipal Council, Dera Bassi informed that at present, untreated sewage is discharged into Dhaba Nallah and the STP of 4 MLD capacity is likely to be commissioned shortly and another module of STP of 2 MLD capacity will be installed in the revenue estate of village Issapur, for which the land has been identified.

The SDE, PWSSB informed that :

- a) The STP of 17.3 MLD capacity of Zirakpur is operated to treat 15-16 MLD of sewage and the treated sewage is discharged into river Ghaggar. This STP is presently operated by PWSSB at the contract of the earlier agency, which had expired on 30.9.2018 and now the matter is under tendering stage for giving the operation of this STP on contract basis. Another module of STP is proposed to be installed in the revenue estate of village Gazipur for treatment of sewage of habitation area of Gazipur area of Zirakpur.
- b) The STP of 4 MLD capacity of Banur is based on MBBR technology, which is presently operated to treat 3 MLD of sewage. The treated sewage is partly discharged into a drain, which meets Dhakansu Choe and partly utilised for irrigation of agricultural land through the distribution network laid down by the Department of Soil & Water Conservation. The STP is operated by M/s Hydro Tech Paryavaran, Mohali.
- c) An STP of 2 MLD capacity is proposed to be installed in the revenue estate of village Issapur to treat the sewage/sullage of habitation area DeraBassi

Town towards village Issapur, for which the tender has been floated, which will be opened on 13.12.2018.

Sh. G.S. Dhillon O/o Department of Soil & Water Conservation informed that :

- a) The Distribution network for utilization of treated sewage of STP, Banur has been laid down and now the treated sewage is used for irrigation of agricultural land.
- b) For laying the distribution network for utilization of treated sewage of STP, Lalru and Dera Bassi, the funds are to tied up under RIDF scheme.
- c) It is not feasible to provide distribution network for utilization of treated sewage of STP, Zirakpur.

DDPO, Deptt. Of Rural Development and Panchayat informed that the villages, which are discharging their sewage / sullage either directly or indirectly into river Ghaggar have been identified and a list of the same will be supplied in due course of time. Technology to be adopted to treat the wastewater of the villages, is being finalized.

ACS, Deptt. of Health and Family Welfare informed that the data available with the Deptt. Regarding epidemiologic study of the inhabitants residing in the vicinity of river Ghaggar will be submitted.

The Chairperson informed that all the stakeholder departments are required to carry out activities related to their department and to prepare the report in this regard so that District Level Action Plan can be framed.

Upon deliberations with the officers of stakeholder departments, it was decided as under :

- 1) A meeting with all the 41 industries located in the catchment area of river Ghaggar will be held on 14.12.2018 to sensitize and caution them not to discharge any kind of industrial as well as domestic effluent into any drain / choe / nallah leading to river Ghaggar either directly or indirectly.
- PWSSB shall keep check on all the agencies, which are operating STPs, to the effect that the STPs are operated properly & effectively so that the effluent standards as laid down by the PPCB are adhered to in letter and spirit. The Deptt. shall submit the complete details alongwith arrangement of funds and timelines for installation of STP at village Issapur for Dera Bassi town and to treat the sewage/sullage of Issapur area of Zirakpur town. The Deptt. shall also finalize the operator of STP of Zirakpur at the earliest, so as to ensure proper operation of this STP. PWSSB shall apply for obtaining consent to operate of

the PPCB as required under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 for all the STPs falling under its jurisdiction.

- 2) MC, Zirakpur shall get connected the outfall of sewage of the colonies, the wastewater of which is still discharged into Sukhna Choe / Singh Nallah / drain flowing nearby K- Area, Zirakpur / Gazipur drain, with the main sewer leading to 17.3 MLD capacity STP of Zirakpur.
- 3) MC, Lalru shall intimate the status of case pending in the court of law at Dera Bassi and take necessary steps to get finalized the said case so that the process for installation of STP can be initiated by the GMADA. It shall also intimate the complete details alongwith arrangement of funds and timelines for installation of this STP.
- 4) GMADA shall intimate the status of operation of STP of 1.5 MLD capacity already installed at Lalru and the time period to be taken to start the treatment of entire wastewater of the town in this STP. The GMADA shall intimate timelines when it will start the operation of 4 MLD capacity STP of DearBassi and get connected the outlets of the entire habitation area, the wastewater of which is to be treated in this STP. GMADA shall also intimate the status of installation of 1.5 MLD capacity of STP to be installed at grain market Lalru. GMADA be also called in the next meeting of District Level Special Task Force as a special invitee. GMADA shall apply for obtaining consent to operate of the PPCB as required under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 for all the STPs falling under its jurisdiction
- 5) The Department of Soil & Water Conservation shall intimate the timelines for installation of distribution network for STP Dera Bassi and Lalru for utilization of treated wastewater for irrigation of agricultural area alongwith how much quantity of treated sewage, will be utilized month-wise out of the total generation of treated sewage at present including land area to be irrigated. The Deptt. shall also furnish this information with regard to irrigation scheme already in place in the vicinity of STP, Banur.
- 6) The Department of Rural Development and Panchayats shall furnish the list of the villages, which are discharging their wastewater into drains leading to river Ghaggar including the timelines for providing low cost treatment technology system for each village.
- 7) The Department of Health and Family Welfare shall carry out epidemiologic study of the inhabitants residing in the vicinity of river Ghaggar especially with regard to polluted water flowing in the river Ghaggar.
- 8) The Department of Water Supply & Sanitation / PWSSB shall carry out monthly ground water sampling to check the water quality and ensure potable water supply to inhabitants of District SAS Nagar.
- 9) PPCB shall carry out monthly monitoring of river Ghaggar to check its water quality and monitor all the STPs on monthly basis to ascertain their performance.

- 10) Department of Irrigation (Drainage) shall identify all the drains/nallahs/choes, which are eventually meeting river Ghaggar and shall mark them on the map of river Ghaggar. The department shall also identify the villages/industries discharging wastewater into the said drains/nallahs/choes and submit report.
- 11) All the stakeholder department shall identify the Civil Society Organizations, which are really involved in the control of Pollution and shall get view of public especially residing along the river Ghaggar about the possible remedial measures to be taken to control the pollution of river Ghaggar so that their views can be taken into account for preparing the action plan.
- 12) All the stakeholder departments shall send report with regard to above decisions by 15.12.2018 to the Environmental Engineer, Regional Office, Punjab Pollution Control Board, SAS Nagar, so that agenda of second monthly meeting could be prepared and action taken report to the State Level Special Task Force could also be sent.
- 13) A reminder be sent to the District and Sessions Judge to nominate a member immediately as per constitution of District Level Special Task Force.
- 14) Since no representative of following departments attended the meeting of District Level Special Task Force despite the fact the notice of meeting was got delivered to their office, as such, a D.O. letter be written to their Administrative Secretaries to ensure the presence of concerned officer / official in the meeting of District Level Special Task Force.
 - Municipal Corporation, SAS Nagar.
 - Department Of Water Supply & Sanitation.
 - Department of Irrigation (Drainage).
 - Executive Officer, MC, Zirakpur.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



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To

1. The Chief Administrator,
GMADA, SAS Nagar.
2. Senior Superintendent of Police,
SAS Nagar.
3. Chief Medical Officer,
Department of Health and Family Welfare, SAS Nagar
4. Executive Engineer,
Deptt. of Irrigation (Drainage).
5. Executive Engineer,
Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board.
6. Executive Engineer,
Deptt. of Water Supply & Sanitation.
7. District Development and Panchayat Officer,
Deptt. of Rural Development & Panchayat.
8. District Soil Conservation Officer,
Deptt. of Soil and Water Conservation
9. Regional Director,
Central Ground Water Board, Sector 27,
Bhujal Bhawan, Chandigarh.
10. Executive Engineer,
Municipal Corporation, SAS Nagar.
11. Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Dera Bassi.
12. Executive Officer,
Municipal Council, Banur.
13. Executive Officer,
Nagar Panchayat, Lalru.

Subject: Proceedings of 1st meeting of the District Level Special Task Force held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, SAS Nagar on 30.11.2018 at 11.00 a.m. in Room No. 257, Mini Secretariat, SAS Nagar

Enclosed, please find herewith, minutes of the 1st meeting of District Level Special Task Force, held on 30/11/2018 at 11.00 a.m. under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, SAS Nagar in Room No. 257, Mini Secretariat, SAS Nagar, for information and ensuring the compliance of the decisions in letter and spirit.

DA/As above.

Environmental Engineer

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A copy of the above is forwarded to the Hon'ble Justice Pritam Pal, Former Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court, for kind information please.

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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 kind information please.

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A copy of the above is forwarded to the Chief Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala, for kind information please.

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