

Sub:- Minutes of 2nd meeting of District Level Special Task Force held under the Chairmanship of Worthy Deputy Commissioner, Mansa on 18.12.2018 at 4.00 PM in compliance to Hon'ble NGT Order dated 07.08.2018.

At the outset of 2nd Meeting of the District Level Special Task Force, District Mansa held on 18.12.2018 at 4.00 pm under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Mansa, the officer of Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Bathinda welcomed the Chairman and other members of the District Level Committee. The list of Officials attended the meeting is enclosed as Annexure - 1.

Chairman of the District Level Special Task Force requested the representatives of other departments to present their action taken report /action plan on the decisions taken in 1st meeting of District Level Special Task Force held on 30.11.2018.

Sh. Suttantarjot Singh, representative of GMDIC, Mansa informed that they have submitted report to Punjab Pollution Control Board that no industry in the jurisdiction of District Mansa is Discharging its treated or untreated effluent into River Ghaggar directly or indirectly after two-day survey.

Representative of Drainage Deptt., Mansa informed that they have identified 54 no. villages, which are discharging their domestic effluent into River Ghaggar or drains leading to River Ghaggar and submitted report to Punjab Pollution Control Board along with map. Er. Ravi Pal, Assistant Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Bathinda further informed that the list obtained from Drainage Deptt. was forwarded to DDPO and Executive Engineer, Panchyati Raj for taking further action in the matter.

Sh. Dinesh Vashisht, DDPO, Mansa and Er. S. K Sharma, SDO Panchyati Raj informed that their Departments has prepared action plan / estimate for 30 villages which are discharging their domestic effluent into River Ghaggar or drains leading to River Ghaggar and remaining villages will be covered within next three days.

Representative from Division-2, Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Mansa informed that their Department has collected 8 no. drinking water samples on 5/10/2018 from the tubewell based schemes out of 10 no. schemes. The report of the same will be submitted to Pollution Control Board Office. However, no representative from Division-1, Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Mansa was present in the meeting.

Er. S.S Dhillon, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Divison Mansa informed that their Department has collected 2 no. drinking water samples on 16/12/2018 from the tubewell based schemes and results are awaited. They further informed that as per the decision of the competent authority, the consent of the Punjab Pollution Control Board will be obtained by the Executive Officer of the respective Nagar Panchyets or Nagar Council.

Representatives from, Sub Divisional Soil Conservation Officer, Mansa informed that their Department has prepared the estimate for further laying the network of pipes for the use of treated domestic effluent for the irrigation purpose in the nearby fields and same will be sent to their Head Office for approval.

Representatives from Health Deptt. informed that they have conducted 13 no. medical camps in the vicinity of river Ghaggar. The report of the same will be submitted in Pollution Control Board Office

After detail deliberations, the following directions were passed by the Worthy Chairman of the District Level Special Task Force: -

- A team comprising the representatives of PPCB, Drainage Department, and Panchyati Raj will identify all the sources causing pollution in River Ghaggar within ten days.
- DDPO, Mansa and Executive Engineer, Panchyati Raj will prepare comprehensive action plan for the remaining 24 villages for scientific disposal of waste water of villages enlisted by the Drainage Department, Mansa upto 21.12.2018 and shall submit the same to Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Bathinda.
- Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Division 1, Mansa will submit the action taken report on the decisions taken in the 1st meeting of District Level Special Task Force held on 30.11.2018 upto 21.12.2018 to Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Bathinda. Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Division 2, Mansa will collect the 2 no. remaining samples of drinking water (tubewell based schemes) upto 21.12.2018.
- Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Division Mansa will submit analysis reports of the drinking water samples based on tubewell supply.
- Drainage Deptt., Mansa will identify land pockets along the river Ghaggar, so that Eucalyptus trees may be planted on this land by Forest Deptt.
- Deptt. of Soil & Conservation will expedite the process for approval of laying of network of pipelines for 100% use of treated domestic effluent of STP, Sardulgarh for irrigation purposes.
- Senior Medical Officer, Sardulgarh will hold medical camps in remaining villages falling near River Ghaggar and will submit conclusive report to Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Bathinda.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.