

**Subject: - Minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of District Level Special Task Force held under the Chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (General), Patiala on 04.01.2018 at 10:00 AM in compliance to Hon'ble NGT Order dated 07.08.2018.**

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At the outset of the Meeting, the Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Patiala welcomed the ADC (General) and other members of the District Level Special Task Force. The list of officers / officials, who attended the meeting is attached herewith as **Annexure - 1**.

Chairperson told the officers / officials present in the meeting regarding the proceeding of 8<sup>th</sup> meeting executive committee attended by him on 22.12.2018. He told that action taken reports of different Departments is to be uploaded on the web-site of the executive committee. However, till date no reports from any Department of the District is coming. In future, regarding the non-submissions of the action taken report, it will be entire responsibility of the Head of the Department at the district level. All action taken reports in future will be send to District Administration as well as copy of EE, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Patiala, so that the complied report be sent to State Level Task Force. Action taken reports of the previous month of all the Department must reach by 10<sup>th</sup> of next month. Moreover, Executive Committee has shown deep concern regarding the non-holding of health camps in the catchment area of river Ghaggar.

### **Action taken report by Departments:**

#### **1. Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Patiala.**

Action taken report of Punjab Pollution Control Board related to Distt. Patiala during the December month is as under:

- Monitoring of the industries located in the catchment area of River Ghaggar i.e 4 Waste Paper Based Paper Mills, One Distillery & Two Cardboard Mills has been carried out. As per the analysis reports parameter at the outlet of ETP were found within permissible limits. No industry was found discharging into any drain/ choe during visit.
- 30 ground water samples have been collected from the industries premises located in the catchment area and sent to Head Office, Lab for analysis. Results awaited.
- 22 industries were visited and 6 were found non-complying. Non complying industries have been issued direction for closure of unit namely M/s Patiala Coatec, Factory Area, Patiala, Pure Land Honey (P). Ltd, Rajpura, Distt. Patiala, M/s S. K.

Enterprises, C-221, Focal Point, Patiala, M/s Gopal Sweets (Workshop), Fountain Chowk, Patiala, M/s Sandhu Milk Chilling Centre, Village Kaikar, Ghanour, Rajpura, Distt. Patiala and M/s Aneja Sweets & Bakers Pvt. Ltd, C-197 Focal Point, Patiala.

- STPs of District Patiala i.e STP Ablowal, STP Shermajra, STP PUDA, STP Rajpura, STP Patran, STP Samana were visited. Samples of these STPs were collected and sent to Head Office Lab of Punjab Pollution Control Board for analysis. During visit, STP Samana was found non-operational. STP Samana is being operated by Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board. Action u/s 33-A of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 has been recommended to higher authorities of Board against the PWSSB and M.C Samana.
- Joint monitoring of River Ghaggar was carried out with the representative of Haryana on 28.11.2018 at 13 locations and collected samples of River Ghaggar and drains meeting it. Samples sent to Head Office lab of Punjab Pollution Control Board for analysis. Results awaited.

## 2. Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board:

Action taken by PWSSB is as under:

- STP of Rajpura of capacity 7 MLD is under stabilization and outlet of Focal Point, Rajpura has been attached with the STP. Treated effluent is being discharged into Pachisdhara Drain. One MPS outlet is existing at the 7 MLD STP which can be utilized for bye-passing the STP and discharging the wastewater into Pachisdhara Drain and same will be closed within 15 days.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> STP of Rajpura of capacity 10 MLD will be completed by 30.06.2019. EE, PWSSB informed that the sewer laying work in some parts of Rajpura is pending and for that an estimate of Rs. 11 crores has been submitted to the higher authorities. The said proposal has not been approved yet. The issue will be raised in the next meeting of SLTF.
- STP Patran of capacity 4 MLD is in operation and the treated wastewater from the STP Patran is being discharged into Jhambowali Choe.
- STP Samana of capacity 10 MLD is now operating. Earlier during visit of PPCB officials, the STP was under maintenance. Due care will be taken in future to properly operate and maintain the STP.
- Tender for proposed STP at Ghanour will open on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.
- For installation of STP for Nabha, a site in the Rajiv Gandhi Park has been identified, however, no resolution in this regard has been passed by the Municipal Council, Nabha. EO & Superintendent, M.C Nabha assured to get the matter

expedited. Chairperson asked the representative of M.C Nabha to get the matter solved by 31.01.2019.

### **3. Department of Soil Conservation:**

Arrangements for the disposal of treated wastewater from the STP's was discussed. Sub Divisional Soil Conservation Officer informed regarding the present/ proposed arrangements for disposal of treated wastewater.

- The PPR (Preliminary Project Report) related to the utilization of treated wastewater from the 46 MLD STP installed at village Shermajra has been got prepared with a proposal to spent an amount of Rs. 45 crores and has been submitted to the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala for further necessary action.
- For utilization of the treated wastewater of STP of 10 MLD capacity located at village Ablowal, Patiala, he informed that on one side of the STP there is Bhakra Canal and on other side Patiala town is located and thus there is no command area available for utilization of the treated wastewater. Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board advised him to take up the matter with Municipal Corporation, Patiala as well as with Improvement Trust Patiala for utilization of treated wastewater.
- For utilization of wastewater of the STP of 7 MLD capacity of Rajpura, it was informed that approximately 30 % work of laying of pipeline is complete in the villages Mehtabgarh and Shamdoo and the work is expected to be completed by 30.06.2019. He further informed that the PPR for the utilization of the treated wastewater from the outlet of 2<sup>nd</sup> STP of 10 MLD capacity is being prepared and it will be completed by 05.02.2019.
- The proposal for utilization of treated effluent of proposed STP of Ghanour, PPR will be submitted by 28.02.2019.
- Distribution network for Samana STP for utilization of treated wastewater has been rectified and is now working.

### **4. Municipal Corporation, Patiala**

Municipal Engineer, Municipal Corporation, Patiala has informed that taping of untapped points in Jacob Drain will be completed as per the timelines given in the first meeting of District Level Special Task Force. He further informed regarding the discharge into storm water drain of Focal Point, a survey will be carried out within 15 days and details of defaulting industries will be sent to the PPCB for further necessary action. STP's will be operated and maintained properly. CCTV connectivity and online monitoring system will be installed as per timelines given

**5. Department of Rural Development and Panchayats**

Executive Engineer, Department of Panchayati Raj, Patiala informed that there are 142 Villages of Patiala falls in the catchment area of Ghaggar River. The project regarding finalization of technology for treatment of wastewater of the villages, which are discharging their wastewater into River Ghaggar either directly or indirectly is being undertaken by Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology, Patiala and decision in this regard has to be taken at the State level being policy matter.

**6. Irrigation (Drainage) Department:**

Regular vigil will be made on the drains/ river to keep the check if any unauthorized outlet/flow.

**7. Agriculture Department, Ground Water Cell**

Representative informed that they are monitoring the water quality of underground water on regular basis as per demand of the farmers and will be carried in the future too for two parameters i.e. Electrical conductivity and sodium carbonate. They had submitted the report vide no. 285 dated 06.02.2018. As per the report samples of 33 tube wells for farmers were checked.

**8. Water Supply and Sanitation Patiala**

Representative has submitted the report of 7 water samples of the tube wells checked upto December of Bhunerheri Block and all are within limits.

**9. Department of Health and Family Welfare**

Civil Surgeon, Patiala told that a health camp will be held on 10.01.2019 in the Lachru Kalan Dharamshala in the Ghanour Block, Patiala.

**Directions given:**

After detailed deliberations, it was made clear that it is not work of a single Department and all Departments should work in coordination with each other to achieve the targets and therefore following directions are to be complied with in by the District Level Special Task Force:

- Serious view has been taken for the Departments for not attending the meeting of District Level Task Force. In future, name and designation of the officer for not attending the meeting should be clearly specified in the proceedings.
- Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Patiala will ensure that the target dates given for tapping the untapped points may be achieved in time. STPs under M.C. shall run properly so to achieve the standards and also to achieve timelines given.

- The Civil Surgeon, Health Department, Patiala shall submit a detailed action plan for holding medical camps in the villages located near River Ghaggar within 7 days. In future, advance intimation will also be sent regarding the health camps to the District Administration as well as to EE, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Patiala.
- The Superintending Engineer, Department of Drainage, Patiala will keep a regular check on all the drains/tributaries, which finally converge with river Ghaggar.
- The Executive Engineer, Department of Rural Development & Panchyati Raj will place on record the design finalized for the treatment of waste water of ponds of villages as an when finalized by the Department of Rural Development & Panchayats.
- The Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Patiala will collect the drinking water samples of the villages located in catchment area of river Ghaggar and will ensure the supply of safe drinking water to the people of villages located in catchment area of river Ghaggar.
- The Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Patiala will ensure proper operation of all the installed STPs so as to achieve the standards prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board.
- The District Soil Conservation Officer, Patiala will work on the plan as per time line given for the utilization of treated domestic effluent after STPs of all M.C.s of Patiala District. The Department will also coordinate with the SDMs of the area to educate the people for utilization of treated wastewater for irrigation on regular basis. After going through the issue raised by Sub Divisional, Soil Conservation Officer regarding the requirement of storage tanks for the treated wastewater so as to avoid the fluctuations in the flow of treated wastewater as the cycle of SBR is of 45 minutes and to ensure flow in the lean period. He will submit the land requirement details by 15.01.2019 to PWSSB in this regard.
- PUDA Patiala will explore the possibility for re-utilization of entire treated wastewater of STP and shall submit the proposal within 7 days to PPCB.
- EO, NP, Bhadson shall take up the matter with Department of Local Govt. for treatment of wastewater generated from the town immediately.
- EO, M.C, Nabha shall resolve the issue regarding land as per timelines given.
- Department of Drainage, Patiala to initiate action against the MES, Patiala for discharging their effluent into Jacob Drain by damaging the embankments of Jacob Drain on Sullar Main Road.
- EO, M.C, Rajpura was also asked to apply for obtaining consent to operate under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 for the STP of 7 MLD capacity.
- Regional Office, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala will keep regular check on the industries located in the catchment area of River Ghaggar and strict action

taken against the violators. A meeting with all the operators of STPs installed in the towns falling in the catchment area of river Ghaggar to sensitize the issue pertaining to the by-passing the untreated effluent from the STPs within 7 days.

- The Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala will register FIR against the violators, which are / will be found discharging effluent through illegal mode of disposal into river Ghaggar.
- In future, action taken report of all the concerned Departments should reach in time.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.

  
**Additional Deputy Commissioner (G)  
Patiala**

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1. Senior Superintendent of Police,  
Patiala.
2. Superintending Engineer,  
Deptt. of Irrigation (Drainage).
3. Civil Surgeon,  
Patiala.
4. Environmental Engineer,  
Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
5. Executive Engineer,  
Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board.
6. Executive Engineer,  
Deptt. of Water Supply & Sanitation.
7. Executive Engineer,  
Deptt. of Rural Development & Panchayat.
8. District Soil Conservation Officer,  
Deptt. of Soil and Water Conservation
9. Assistant Geologist,  
Ground Water Cell, Ghalori Gate, Patiala.
10. Central Ground Water Board,  
Chandigarh
11. Executive Engineer (PH)  
PUDA, Urban Estate, Patiala.
12. Executive Engineer,  
Municipal Corporation Patiala.
13. Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council, Rajpura.
14. Executive Officer,  
Nagar Panchayat, Ghanour.
15. Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council, Samana.
16. Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council, Patran.
17. Executive Officer,  
Municipal Council, Nabha
18. Executive Officer,  
Nagar Panchayat, Bhadson.

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Enclosed, please find herewith, minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of District Level Special Task Force held on 04.01.2019 in compliance to Hon'ble NGT Order dated 07.08.2018 for information and ensuring the compliance of the decisions taken in the meeting.

**DA/As above.**

  
Additional Deputy Commissioner (G),  
Patiala.