

Proceedings of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the NGT Committee held under the Chairmanship of Justice Jasbir Singh, Former Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court on 30.10.2019 at 2:30 pm in Conference room of PSCST, MGSIPA, Chandigarh

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**Agenda No. 8.1 Leave of Absence**

1. Following members of the Committee attended the meeting:

Members of NGT Committee	Sh. S.C. Aggarwal, IAS, Former Chief Secretary Dr. Babu Ram, Former Member Secretary, PPCB
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2. Following officers from the various stakeholder departments attended the meeting

Deptt. of Science, Technology & Environment	Sh. Rakesh Verma, IAS, Principal Secretary Sh. Pritpal Singh, Senior Engineer, PSCST Er. Anuradha Sharma, Env. Engineer, DECC Er. Krishan Kant Singla, Process Engineer, PSCST Dr. Rupali Bal, Scientist-C, PSCST Er. Jitin Joshi, AEE, DECC
Deptt. of Local Govt.	Sh. Ajoy Sharma, IAS, Secretary, Department of Local Government Dr. Puran Singh Yadav, Project Director, Waste Management.
Deptt. of Rural Development & Panchayats	Sh. Devinder Singh, Senior Engineer Sh. Prem Chand, Officer on Special Duty.
Deptt. of Health & Family Welfare	Dr. Parvinder Pal Kaur, Asst. Director

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Punjab Pollution Control Board	Er. Krunesh Garg, Member Secretary Er. Pardeep Gupta, Chief Env. Engineer
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Leave of absence was granted to the members who could not attend the meeting.

**Agenda No. 8.2 Confirmation of the minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Proceedings of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 14/08/2019 were confirmed.

**Agenda No. 8.3 Action taken report on minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Action taken report on the minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> meeting was noted by the Committee.

**Agenda No. 8.4 Review of progress on Solid Waste Management**

1. The Committee reviewed the progress of various activities relating to Solid Waste Management as per agenda and following observations/ directions were issued:

S.no.	Activity	Observations and directions
1	Monthly Review Meetings by Deputy Commissioners	The Committee took serious note of District Administrations for not been able to ensure regular meetings of DLSTFs. The chair emphasized that for fruitful culmination of efforts, every District Administration has to play a pivotal role in implementation of Action Plan at district level.  The committee was informed that DoE has consolidated District level committees set up under various Rules as well as NGT orders. Notification of the same is underway. Besides this, DCs are being regularly sensitized to ensure regular review of Action Plans.
2	Approval of SWM Action Plans by ULBs	DLG informed that all 167 action plans have been prepared, out of which 158 plans have also been approved by the respective house.  The Committee noted the status and directed

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		to expedite the process of approval of remaining 9 plans.
3	Identification and procurement of sites for solid waste processing facilities and landfill sites	DLG informed that 3 sites are under consideration for procurement by Nayagaon ULB and tenders has been floated.
4 -7	Setting up solid waste processing facilities and sanitary landfill sites by all local bodies	<p>Status of compost pits and MRFs was noted by the Committee. Further, DLG apprised the committee that the Punjab &amp; Haryana High Court has issued stay orders against decentralized waste processing facility in Jalandhar for not obtaining requisite NOC from PPCB. DLG raised its concern that this can prove to be a stumbling block in the progress of the activity.</p> <p>The Committee directed PPCB to file an application in the Court for vacating stay orders, since the capacity of facility is not exceeding 5TPD, therefore, no approval is required under SWM Rules, 2016.</p> <p>The Committee also perused the <b>Annexure-I</b> showcasing underperforming ULBs w.r.t key SWM activities and directed DLG to issue directions/notices to the concerned Commissioners/EOs of such ULBs to pick up the pace, else they shall be held accountable for non-compliance of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016. The committee desired to call Commissioners/EOs of these ULBs in the next meeting.</p>
8-9	Enforcing waste generators to practice segregation at source, D2D collection, transportation	<p>The Committee noted the status and directed DLG to intensify the efforts for achieving target within the prescribed timelines.</p> <p>The Committee directed DLG to involve President of Nawanshahr ULB to sensitize other small ULBs (&lt;50,000 population) for</p>

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		adopting Nawanshahr SWM model.
10	Compliance by Bulk Waste Generators	<p>The Committee raised the concern regarding slow progress w.r.t compliance by BWGs and directed DLG to issue notices to BWGs.</p> <p>PPCB was also directed to conduct monthly surprise inspections to check segregation &amp; disposal of Solid waste by Hotels/Restaurants /Marriage Palaces.</p> <p>The committee desired that BWGs need to arrange in-situ processing facility for wet waste.</p>
11	On-site waste management of green / horticulture waste	The Committee noted the progress and directed DLG to gear up the efforts.
12	Integration of Rag Pickers/ Waste collectors/ Kabadis	The Committee noted the progress.
13-14	GPS tracking of mechanized collection and transportation vehicles	<p>The status was noted.</p> <p>DLG informed that presently GPS has been installed on vehicles, however, monitoring mechanism is required to be strengthened by ULBs.</p> <p>The Committee directed DLG to conduct audit GPS tracking modules and devise mechanism for receiving the alerts in case of any deviation/unauthorized movement of vehicles for timely action.</p>
15	Bio-remediation or capping of old and abandoned dump sites (Treatment of Legacy Waste)	<p>The committee took serious note of the issue of open dump sites in the State posing environmental hazard.</p> <p>Department was strictly directed to gear up remediation work of old dump sites and set up sanitary landfill sites, however till the time, department was directed to initiate the work</p>

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		of fencing and raising green belt around the existing dump sites, within two months' time.
16	Elimination of Garbage Vulnerable Points (GVPs)	The Committee was not satisfied by the progress. PPCB was directed to carry out the inspections and impose fines for such defaults.
17	Prevention of mixing of solid waste into water bodies/ drains/ rivers etc.	The Committee directed that necessary arrangements be made by the department.  Further, PPCB was directed to take action against the residential housing projects not operating STPs and for making necessary arrangements for compliance of SWM Rules, 2019.
18	Public sweeping including night sweeping	Progressing satisfactorily
19	Citizen Grievance Redressal through Swachh App	Committee noted the progress.
20	Awareness mechanism for behavior change	The status was noted.  The committee emphasized that IEC will certainly help in building positive public opinion with regard to SWM initiatives.  The Committee suggested that involvement of elected representatives and local Champions like President of Nawanshahr ULB may add momentum to IEC activities.
21	Monitoring of Sanitary landfill sites by the Board	The Committee was apprised that no SLF site exist so far.
22	Monitoring of Processing sites by the Board	The Committee directed PPCB to bring the non-compliance less than 2%.

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23	Submission of Annual Report by each ULB to PPCB	Committee noted the status.
24	Submission of Consolidated Annual Report to CPCB	Committee noted timely submission of Annual Report to CPCB.
25	Monitoring compliance regarding Model cities/towns/Villages	<p>The Committee directed DLG to show tangible progress pertaining to solid waste management in the six notified model cities/towns and present their progress separately in the next meeting.</p> <p>DRDP informed that action plan for 66 villages (3 villages from each district) have already been prepared and implementation of plan is underway in 24 villages. DRDP was also directed to present the progress in the next meeting.</p>

**2. Follow up Actions in pursuance of the directions of NGT Committee**

DOE apprised the committee that PSCST has finalized the RFP for engaging services of expert team to provide guidance to replicate best practices adopted by successful cities for solid waste management from the Country in the six notified model cities/towns. The tender will be floated shortly.

**Agenda No. 8.5 Review of progress on Construction and Demolition Waste Management**

- The Committee reviewed the progress of various activities relating to C&D Waste Management as per agenda and following observations/ directions were issued:

Sno.	Activity	Observations and Directions
1	Formulation of policy by State Government	Draft policy prepared and will be finalized in consultation with stakeholder deptts.

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2	Identification and Notification of Sites for C&D Waste	Committee noted the progress.
3	Commissioning and implementation of the facility	The Committee has shown its concern on the activity being non-starter and directed DLG to expedite in the said matter.  DLG assured that the tender for Ludhiana city shall be called within one month.
4	Monitoring of awareness programmes	The Committee directed to conduct specific programs exclusively for spreading awareness pertaining to C&D Waste Management Rules, 2016.
5	Monitoring of penalties by ULBs	The Committee noted the status.
6	Sanctioning of waste management plans of generators	The Committee shown its concern over the activity still being a non-starter, as such directed DLG to show some progress before next meeting.
7	Monitoring of the Processing Sites by PPCB	The Committee noted the status. PPCB was directed to carry out inspections of the projects which are under construction and shall impose fine as per law and submit the action taken report in the next meeting.

**Agenda No. 8.6 Review of progress w.r.t. Implementation of Management of Plastic Waste Rules, 2016**

1. The Committee reviewed the progress of various activities relating to Plastic Waste Management as per agenda and following observations/ directions were issued:

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<b>Sno.</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Assessment/ Observations of Department of Environment</b>
1	Framing of bye-laws by all ULBs incorporating provision of the Rules, user fee, penalties/fines for littering, burning plastic waste etc.	Department ensured notification of byelaws, shortly.
2 & 3	Enforcing waste generators to practice segregation of bio-degradable, recyclable and domestic hazardous waste	Overlaps with SWM
4	Setting up of Material Recovery Facilities (MRF) by all ULBs	Overlaps with SWM
5	Awareness programs to discourage use of single use plastic	Awareness programs for Plastic Waste management need to be scaled up
6	Littering / open burning of plastic waste	Overlaps with SWM
7	Monitoring of Producers, Importers and Brand owners under EPR	The Committee reviewed the progress and directed PPCB to expedite the process of registration of the remaining entities.
8	Random inspection of Recyclers, Producers, Importers, Brand-Owners	Committee noted the status.
9	Monitoring of Annual Return to be filed by ULBs	Committee appreciated the timely submission by all ULBs.
10	Monitoring of the ban on plastic carry bags in the State	Committee noted the progress and directed to implement the ban on the polythene bags in the State.



2. DLG apprised the committee that compostable plastic carry bags must not be introduced or encouraged in the State, as there is every possibility of forged compostable bags and insisted for cloth or jute bags to be promoted.

**Agenda No. 8.7 Review of progress w.r.t. Implementation of Management of Bio-Medical Waste Rules, 2016**

1. The Committee reviewed the progress of various activities relating to Bio-Medical Waste Management as per agenda and following observations/ directions were issued:

S.no.	Activity	Observations and directions
1	Identification, Agreement & Authorization of new HCFs	The Committee noted the status and directed the Board to strategize and plan for covering remaining unauthorized HCFs.
2	Annual Return to be filed by HCFs and CBWTFs	Committee noted the progress.
3	Meetings of the State Level and District Level Committees constituted under BMW Rules, 2016	Committee directed the Department of Health to conduct the meetings regularly.
6	Monitoring of HCFs and CBWTFs	The Committee noted the progress and directed PPCB to carry out audit of two large scale hospitals pertaining to the assessment of the generation viz-a-viz treatment of that Biomedical Waste by CBMWTF. The committee shall carry out the assessment at the three levels: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Hospital</li> <li>ii. Transit mode</li> <li>iii. Receipt by CBMWTF</li> </ol>

**Agenda No. 8.8      Review of progress w.r.t. Implementation of Management of Hazardous Waste Rules, 2016**

The Committee reviewed the progress of various activities relating to Hazardous Waste Management by Punjab Pollution Control Board.

**Agenda No. 8.9      Implementation of NGT order dated 12.04.2019 & 26.08.2019 in the matter of OA no 804/2017**

The Committee noted the status.

**Agenda No. 8.10     Review of progress w.r.t. Implementation of Management of E- Waste Rules, 2016**

The Committee reviewed the progress of various activities relating to E- Waste Management and observed that there is no scheme/ mechanism in place for proper disposal of the E-Waste generated in the State. The Committee directed the PPCB to devise mechanism for expediting the collection of E-Waste through registered dismantlers / recyclers / collection centres.