

Proceedings of 10th Meeting of State Apex Committee held under the Chairpersonship of Chief Secretary, Punjab on 03.09.2020 at 11:00 AM through Video Conferencing to review the progress of implementation of various Environment Protection Action Plans in compliance of different NGT orders

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Agenda No. 10.1 Leave of Absence

The following officers attended the meeting:

Department of Environment	Sh. Alok Shekhar, IAS, Principal Secretary Sh. Saurabh Gupta, IFS, Director Sh. Pardeep Garg, Additional Director Sh. Gurharminder Singh, Sr. Scientific Officer
Department of Local Government	Sh. Ajoy Sharma, IAS, Secretary Sh. K.P. Goyal, EIC/TA, PWSSB Dr. Puran Singh, PMIDC
Department of Rural Development & Panchayats	Smt. Seema Jain, IAS, Financial Commissioner
Department of Transport	Sh. K. Siva Prasad, IAS, Principal Secretary
Department of Health & Family Welfare	Sh. Husan Lal, IAS, Principal Secretary
Department of Water Supply & Sanitation	Smt. Jaspreet Talwar, IAS, Principal Secretary
District Administration	Sh. Varinder Sharma, IAS, Deputy Commissioner
Punjab Pollution Control Board	Dr. S. S. Marwaha, Chairman Sh. Krunesh Garg, Member Secretary

Agenda No. 10.2 Confirmation of the proceedings of the 9th Meeting

Proceedings of the 9th Meeting of State Apex Committee held on 14.05.2020 were confirmed.

Agenda No. 10.3 Review of Progress of Action Plans

1. The Committee noted the progress of various important activities of Environmental Action Plans on Clean Rivers, Waste Management and Clean Air.
2. The matter w.r.t shifting of Dairies outside the MC Limits of Ludhiana was discussed in detail. Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana informed that a Site Selection Committee to identify multiple viable locations for shifting of 400 dairies had been constituted by Deptt. of Local Government on 31.07.2020. He further informed that 2 Meeting of Sub Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Mayor, Ludhiana to identify panchayat land has been already held and process would be completed soon. He also proposed that certain incentives such as waiving of Government fee toward Change in Land Use (CLU) to Dairy owners for shifting the Dairies may be considered by State Government. Committee directed the Deputy Commissioner to expedite the process of identification of land.
3. Committee directed ACS, DLG to put a comprehensive note to Chief Secretary w.r.t shifting of dairies including incentives proposed to be provided to Dairy Owners for the same.
4. Department of Health & Family Welfare informed that 21 ETPs has been already installed at Govt. HCFs and remaining 190 ETPs would be installed by 30.06.21.
5. Principal Secretary, Department of Water Supply & Sanitation (DWSS) flagged the water pollution concern due to disposal of Feecal Sludge in un-scientific manner and requested for formulation of Rules for scientific collection & management of the same. Member Secretary, PPCB informed that Draft Rules for Feecal Sludge Management has been prepared for notification by State Government. Committee directed PPCB to share the draft Rules with DWSS & PWSSB for inputs & suggestion and finalize the same by 30.09.20.
6. Principal Secretary, Department of Transport informed that Draft Policy for promotion of E- Vehicles has been prepared in consultation with Invest Punjab. He further informed that Policy would be put up to the Cabinet after obtaining comments from various stakeholders. It was also highlighted that the phasing out of Diesel vehicles is a long-drawn process due to various financial implications. Keeping in view the financial constraints faced by State Government on account of Covid-19 Pandemic, Committee cautioned the Department of Transport for considering any financial incentives for phasing out or replacement of Diesel vehicles.
7. The committee reviewed the timelines prescribed by NGT vis-a vis timelines proposed by DLG for setting up of new STPs and in-situ bioremediation of drains. Secretary, DLG informed that extended last date for receiving Tender for the Comprehensive Plan for Rejuvenation of Budha Nallah is 08.09.20. He further proposed that BOD discharge norms for designing & setting of new STPs upto 5

MLD capacity may be kept at 30 mg/l to ensure economic viability & effective O &M of STPs. Committee directed that DLG in consultation with Deptt. of Environment & PPCB conduct the further due diligence on the proposal of secretary, DLG for designing the efficient scheme to achieve the results.

Agenda No. 10.4 Preparation of District Environment Plans in compliance of NGT Order dated 26.09.19

1. The Committee noted the progress. Committee desired that the copy of already prepared District Plans be circulated to remaining Districts for ready reference to expedite the process.
2. Department of Environment informed that NGT vide order dated 19.03.20 in O.A 360/2018 had directed CPCB to prepare at least one model District Plan in every state in the first instance, which can thereafter be replicated by all the Districts of State/UTs. NGT has further directed State Pollution Control Board & District Magistrate of selected District for preparing the Model Plan. It was further informed that in compliance of said order, CPCB has selected Sangrur District of State for preparing Model District Environment Plan and requisite Data/information is being provided to CPCB by PPCB for the same.
3. It was proposed to circulate the model plan of District Sangrur with all the Districts after its finalization by CPCB. The Committee agreed to the same.

Agenda No. 10.5 Action Plans on “Rejuvenation of Water Bodies” and ‘Reuse of Treated Wastewater of STPs

1. The committee noted the progress w.r.t submission of pond wise information in prescribed formats and Revised Action Plan for reuse of treated wastewater to CPCB.
2. Financial Commissioner, DRDP highlighted the funding constraint for rejuvenation of 15,446 village ponds. Principal Secretary, DWSS informed that funds are available for modelling of ponds under “Swachh Bharat Mission” and other schemes of Ministry of Rural Development & Panchyati Raj, Government of India.
3. Committee asked Principal Secretary, DWSS to share all the details with Financial Commissioner, DRDP to take up the matter with central Government for availing financial assistance for rejuvenation of ponds. The committee also directed DRDP to leverage funds from MNERGA scheme for the purpose.

Agenda No. 10.6 Action Plan for Abatement of Pollution in Critical and Severely Polluted Industrial Areas of Punjab

Committee approved the Action Plans for Abatement of Pollution in Critical Polluted Industrial Clusters of Ludhana & Jalandhar and Severely Polluted Industrial Clusters of Batala, which have been submitted to CPCB by PPCB on 10.07.20 in compliance of NGT Orders dated 13.12.18 & 14.11.19 in O.A No 1038.2018.

Agenda No. 10.7 Revision of Action Plan for Hazardous Waste Management in compliance of NGT orders dated 12.04.19 & 26.08.19 in O.A No 804/2017

Committee approved the Revised Action Plan for Hazardous Waste Management for submission to CPCB

Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.