

Proceedings of 12th Meeting of State Apex Committee held under the Chairpersonship of Chief Secretary, Punjab on 16.03.2021 at 04:00 PM to review the progress of implementation of various Environment Protection Action Plans in compliance of different NGT orders

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Agenda No. 12.1 Leave of Absence

The following officers attended the meeting:

Department of Environment	Sh. Rahul Tiwari, IAS, Secretary Sh. Saurabh Gupta, IFS, Director Sh. Pardeep Garg, Additional Director Sh. Gurharminder Singh, Sr. Scientific Officer
Department of Local Government	Sh. Ajoy Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary Sh. K.P. Goyal, EIC/TA, PWSSB Dr. Naresh Kumar, PMIDC
Department of Rural Development & Panchayats	Smt. Seema Jain, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary
Department of Transport	Sh. K. Siva Prasad, IAS, Principal Secretary
Punjab Pollution Control Board	Dr. S. S. Marwaha, Chairman Sh. Krunesh Garg, Member Secretary

Agenda No. 12.2 Confirmation of the proceedings of the 9th Meeting

Proceedings of the 11th Meeting of State Apex Committee held on 25.01.2021 were confirmed

Agenda No. 12.3 Review of Progress of Action Plans

I. Action Plan for Clean Rivers

a. Compliance of various NGT Orders

- (i) The Committee noted the progress for in-situ remediation of drains & timelines for setting up of STPs in compliance of various NGT Orders and penalties imposed thereof.
- (ii) PSLG reported that 35 towns do not have any sewerage system, out of which 14 towns fall in catchment areas of rivers. The funds to the tune of 1088 Crores are required to lay sewerage system in these 35 towns. Further, out of 14 river towns, 1

town has been covered under Badi/Choti Nadi Project & in-situ remediation of drains in 13 river towns to be completed by June, 2021. Furthermore, the work of 38 STPs under tendering stage is likely to be allotted within one Month time.

- (iii) The Committee directed PSLG to expedite the approval of DPRs & tender allotment for setting up of STPs.
- b. Submission of Performance Bank Guarantee of Rs. 5 Crore to CPCB in Compliance of NGT Order**
- (i) PPCB reported that Performance Bank Guarantee of Rs. 5 Crore would be submitted to CPCB by PPCB within one month.
- c. Compliance of NGT Order dated 28.10.2020 in O.A No. 138/2016 w.r.t pollution of River Ghaggar**
- (i) Committee noted the progress.
- d. High rate of Non-Compliance of Existing STPs**
- (i) The Committee was informed that composite sampling mechanism has been developed for monitoring the STPs from 1st April, 2021 and an order in this regard has been issued.
 - (ii) PPCB informed that many STPs were found non-compliant marginally on account of FC & BOD. It was further brought out that sampling of these parameters gives an estimation of count rather than giving the exact numbers. The associated standard sampling error limits may be considered/ included at the time of reporting the results. Committee directed PPCB to formulate SOPs/Protocols for reporting the STPs result by considering Standard Deviation/Error.
 - (iii) PSLG informed that a meeting was held with PS,WSS, wherein it was decided that O & M of STPs located at Muktsar Sahib & other ULBs, will be maintained by DWSS.
- e. Status of Existing and Proposed CETPs**
- (i) PPCB reported that reasons for failure of 15 MLD CETP are being ascertained by carrying out the performance evaluation of its various components to guide the SPV to achieve the prescribed standards. The Committee directed PPCB to complete the evaluation within one month, failing which, the process for imposing compensation, be initiated.
 - (ii) Committee observed the in-ordinate delay in completion of 50 MLD CETP at Ludhiana. It was decided that a Show Cause Notice to SPV of 50 MLD CETP be issued with a condition that compensation imposed on account of non-completion of CETP, would be used for Rejuvenation of Budhha Nallah Project.
 - (iii) PPCB reported 40 MLD CETP at Ludhiana is under hydraulic testing and 3 months' time is required by PSPCL to provide electricity connection of 1466 KW Load. Committee directed PPCB to take up the matter with PSPCL to expedite the same.

- (iv) Regarding upgradation of 5 MLD, CETP of Leather Complex, Jalandhar, the tender date has been extended from 09.03.2021 to 22.03.21 due non participation by any bidder. The Committee directed PPCB to review the specifications, if required, within a month, to enable the Bidder for participating in the Tender.

f. Review of Progress of Action Plan for Rejuvenation of Ponds

- (i) ACS,RDP reported that the work of rejuvenation of ponds has been completed in 223 Village Ponds and the work in 1062 village ponds is under progress & likely to be completed in the next three months by respective Panchayats.
- (ii) PSLG reported that the mapping of ponds is being carried out and the progress in this regard will be reported in the next meeting.
- (iii) The Committee noted the progress.

g. Compliance of NGT Order dated 18.11.2020 in O.A. 325/2015

- (i) PPCB reported that the status report has been submitted to CPCB/ MoJS on 22.02.2021 in compliance of above NGT order.
- (ii) The Committee noted the progress.

h. Compliance of NGT order dated 21.05.2020 in OA no. 593/2017 regarding Reuse of Treated Wastewater of STPs

- (i) The Committee noted the progress.

i. Shifting of Dairies of Tajpur Dairy Complex outside MC limits

- (i) PSLG reported that the process of identification of sites for shifting of dairies outside the MC Limits of Ludhiana is under progress.
- (ii) The Committee noted the progress.

j. Compliance of NGT Order dated 05.02.2021 in O.A. No. 95/2018

- (i) PPCB reported that the process for filling of 106 vacant post and upgradation of existing laboratories & setting up of two new labs at Bhatinda and Mohali has been initiated.
- (ii) The Committee noted the progress.

II. Action Plan for Waste Management

a. NGT order dated 10.01.20 & 17.09.20 in OA no. 606 of 2018 regarding Compliance of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016

- (i) The Committee noted the progress of various activities under SWM Rules 2016 in compliance of various NGT Orders and penalties imposed thereof.

b. Plastic Waste Management

- (i) PSLG briefed that a meeting of State Advisory Committee is scheduled on 17.03.2021 to finalise the bye laws for various ULBs.

c. Biomedical and Hazardous Waste Management

- (i) The Committee directed the PPCB to provide the necessary technical assistance to Department of Health in setting up of ETPs and feasibility for CETPs for cluster of HCFs be explored within two-month time. The funding for Government HCFs may be explored by PPCB from their own funds.

III. Action Plan for Clean Air

a. Industries to be converted from Coal to CNG

- (i) PPCB reported that 195 Industries in Mandi Gobindgarh have entered into an agreement with M/s IRM Energy for converting the industry from coal to CNG by 30.06.2021. Further, three industries out of 89 industries in Amritsar have been converted from coal to CNG and the remaining industries will be converted by 30.06.2021.
- (ii) The Committee noted the progress.

b. Promotion of E-vehicle

- (i) PST updated that the draft e-vehicle policy will be put in the next Council of Minister's Meeting (CMM) for approval.
- (ii) The Committee noted the progress.

c. Compliance of NGT order dated 21.08.20 O.A No. 681/2018

- (i) PPCB reported that they have prepared a tender for 20 Noise level meters for procurement on GEM portal. The Committee desired that after successful completion of the tender, the specifications of the Noise level meters be shared with the Department of Transport to facilitate the procurement at their end.

d. Compliance of NGT order dated 03.12.2020 in O.A No. 283/2020.

- (i) PSLG reported that they will submit the progress of 9 non attainment cities to DECC for submission to CPCB separately.
- (ii) The Committee noted the progress.

- e. **Compliance of directions of Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and adjoining areas regarding submission of Comprehensive Action Plan to eliminate stubble burning in the State of Punjab by 28.02.2021.**
- (i) The comprehensive Action Plan prepared by DECC in consultation with stakeholder Departments was submitted by PPCB to the Commission on 08.03.2021.
 - (ii) The Committee decided that PPCB will convene a separate meeting under the chairpersonship of the Chief Secretary, Punjab on the Action Plan.
- f. **Performance Evaluation Framework of Million Plus Cities for FY 2020-21 under Fifteenth Finance Commission (FC-XV) Grant to State Finance/Local Government Department for implementation of Air Quality Measures.**
- (i) The Committee directed PSLG to submit the progress report to DECC regarding utilization of Rs. 26 crores for Ludhiana and Rs. 19 crores for Amritsar ULB released by Govt. of India.
 - (ii) PPCB reported that out of Rs 12.48 Crores released under NCAP, Rs. 10 Crores are the committed funds. It was further informed that Rs 1.05 crore each was released to MCL & MCJ for purchase of mechanical sweepers. Further, tender for purchase of 8 CAAQMS opened on 11.02.21, is under evaluation.
- g. **Annual Resources required by year 2025-26 for activities in Action Plans of Non-Attainment Cities (NACs).**
- (i) PPCB reported that information desired by CPCB to estimate city specific Air Quality Targets for reduction of PM10 & PM2.5 and Annual Resources required till 2025 at District Level, would be submitted within a week`s time.
 - (ii) The Committee noted the progress.

Agenda No. 12.4 NGT order dated 29.01.21 in O.A No. 360/2018 regarding District Environment Plan.

- (i) The Committee noted the progress.

Agenda No. 12.5 Compliance of NGT Order dated 14.12.20 in O.A no 606/2018

- (i) The Committee noted the progress.

Agenda No. 12.6 Compliance of NGT order in O.A No. 804/2017

- (i) The Committee noted the progress.

Meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the participants.