

Proceedings of 11th Meeting of State Apex Committee held under the Chairpersonship of Chief Secretary, Punjab on 25.01.2021 at 11.30 am through Video Conference to review the progress of implementation of various Environment Protection Action Plans in compliance of various NGT orders.

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Agenda No. 11.1: Leave of Absence.

The following officers attended the meeting:

Department of Environment	Sh. Rahul Tewari, IAS, Secretary, Sh. Saurabh Gupta, IFS, Director, DECC Sh. Pardeep Garg, Additional Director, DECC
Punjab Pollution Control Board	Sh. Krunesh Garg, Member Secretary Sh. Gulshan Rai, CEE
Department of Local Government	Sh. Ajoy Sinha, IAS, Secretary Sh. K.P. Goyal, EIC/TA, PWSSB
Department of Rural Development & Panchayats	Sh. Manpreet Singh, Director
Department of Transport	Sh. K. Siva Prasad, IAS, Principal Secretary
Department of Water Supply & Sanitation	Smt. Jaspreet Talwar, IAS, Principal Secretary
Department of Industries & Commerce	Sh. Sibin.C., IAS, Director
Department of Traffic Police	Sh. S.K. Singh, IGP, Traffic
Department of Housing & Urban Development	Sh. Saravjit Singh, IAS, Principal Secretary
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana	Sh. Pardeep Kumar Sabharwal, IAS, Commissioner
Municipal Corporation, Jalandhar	Sh. Karnesh Sharma, IAS, Commissioner

Agenda Item No. 11.2: Confirmation of the proceedings of the 10th Meeting of State Apex Committee held on 03.09.2020

The proceedings of the 10th Meeting of State Apex Committee held on 03.09.2020 were confirmed.

Agenda Item No. 11.3: Review of progress of Action Plans

I. Action Plan for Clean Rivers

(a) Status of Existing Sewage Treatment Plants:

- (i) The Committee took serious note for high rate of non-compliance of STPs (36% during 3rd quarter of current year). Further, it has been observed that in December, 2020, 43% of the STPs found non-compliant due to F.Coli, 26% of STPs failed based on MBBR & SBR technologies and 31% of the STPs based on UASB & WSP technologies found non-compliant.
- (ii) The Secretary, DLG reported that composite sampling (4-8 hours composite) needs to be carried out by PPCB instead of grab sampling.
- (iii) Further the DLG reported that chlorination is being improved in the STPs found non-compliant due to F.Coli and penalties are being imposed on the contractors operating the STPs based on SBR & MBBR technologies. The maintenance funds for the operation of the STPs based on UASB and WSP technologies are being met out from the VAT and GST funds.
- (iv) The Committee directed the concerned Departments i.e. DLG, DWSS, PSIEC to reduce the non-compliance of the STPs by ensuring proper operation & maintenance so that the progress of the STPs does not reflect poorly at the National Level.
- (v) The Committee also directed SSTE to convene a meeting with Department of Local Government and PPCB to make consensus on the sampling methodology of STPs.

(b) Status of Proposed STPs

- (i) The Committee noted the timelines as well as penalties imposed by NGT vide order dated 21.05.20 in O.A. No. 593/2017 viz-a-viz the timelines given by the respective Departments for in-situ treatment, commencement of STPs and commissioning of STPs.
- (ii) SSTE informed the Committee that NGT has turned down the request of Department of Local Government to grant extension in timeline for setting up of the STPs.
- (iii) DLG reported that out of 167 ULBs, 4 ULBs has been de-notified. Further, out of 163 ULBs, sewerage system does not exist in 34 ULBs. Funds amounting to Rs. 930 crores and Rs. 1166 crore are required for laying 100% water supply, sewerage and STPs in 14 river towns and 20 non-river

towns respectively. The efforts are being made to meet these funds from Govt. of India, State Budget and 15th Finance Commission.

- (iv) Further, DLG reported that in 14 river towns, in-situ treatment has been initiated in 6 towns.
- (v) DWSS requested the Committee that the operation & maintenance of STPs in Muktsar Sahib and other ULBs being maintained by DWSS are to be transferred to Department of Local Government/ Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board . Further, it was reported that no funds are available for the maintenance of the STPs.
- (vi) Department of Housing and Urban Development reported that only 45mld existing STP at Mohali is to be augmented to 67mld capacity.
- (vii) The Committee directed the Department of Local Government and Department of Water Supply and Sanitation to hold a separate meeting to decide upon the transferring of Operation & Maintenance of Muktsar Sahib STPs and other ULBs.

(c) Status of Existing & Proposed CETPs

- (i) The Committee noted the progress w.r.t. operation of existing CETPs and timelines for setting up of new CETPs.
- (ii) PPCB reported that the samples of various components of 15 mld CETP found non-compliant, are to be collected & analyzed and SPV operating the said STP shall be advised accordingly within one month to make it compliant. It was further informed that the two new CETPs of 40 & 50 mld capacity are to be installed by 31.03.2021.
- (iii) The Committee directed the PPCB to make the 15 mld CETP compliant by 28.02.2021, failing which the requisite Environmental Compensation shall be imposed.
- (iv) The Committee directed SSTE to convene a meeting with DIC, PPCB, DC, Jalandhar to review the progress and to fix the timeframe for upgradation of 5 mld STP for Leather Complex, Jalandhar.

(d) Review of Progress of Action Plan for Rejuvenation of Ponds

- (i) The Director, DRDP reported that out of 1290 village ponds to be rejuvenated as per Action Plan by 31.03.2021, the work of 275 village ponds has been completed and under progress in 780 villages which is likely to be completed by 30.06.2021. The funds for the same are being met out from Swachh Bharat Mission, MNREGA and 14th & 15th Finance Commission, Govt. of India.
- (ii) The DLG reported that out of the 88 urban ponds to be rejuvenated as per Action Plan by 31.03.2021, desilting has been completed in 34 towns where sewerage does not exist.

- (iii) The Committee decided that DRDP shall issue instructions to the Panchayats to utilize the MNREGA and 14th & 15th Finance Commission funds to rejuvenate the ponds as per Action Plan.
- (iv) The Committee directed DLG to prepare road map to rejuvenate the 88 urban ponds as per Action Plan.

(e) Review of Progress of Reuse of Treated Wastewater of STPs

- (i) The Committee directed DLG to report the progress for reuse of treated wastewater of STPs for urban landscaping, green belts, construction purposes and for irrigation to Directorate of Environment within week time.

II. Action Plan for Waste Management

(a) Solid Waste Management

- (i) The Committee noted the timelines fixed by Hon'ble NGT vide order dated 10.01.2020 and 17.09.2020 in O.A. No. 606/2018 for compliance of para-22 of SWM Rules, 2016 and penalties imposed thereof.
- (ii) The Committee noted slow progress w.r.t. activities for setting up of material recovery facilities, sanitary landfill sites, waste to energy plants and bio-remediation of old dump sites.
- (iii) The DLG ensured to make substantial progress w.r.t. setting up of material recovery facilities within the next two months. Further, it was ensured to achieve considerable progress w.r.t. other activities mentioned in Rule 22 of SWM Rules, 2016.
- (iv) The Committee directed DLG to submit the revised targets and timelines for the activities for compliance of Rule-22 of SWM Rules, 2016 as per NGT orders.

(b) Plastic Waste Management

- (i) The DLG reported that notification to frame bye-laws by all ULBs is under consideration at the level of LR, Punjab.
- (ii) The Committee directed DLG to expedite the issuance of Notification.

I. Action Plan for Clean Air

(a) Industries to be converted from Coal to CNG

- (i) PPCB reported that Webinar was organized for the industries and a meeting was convened with stakeholder Departments in January, 2021.

- (ii) PPCB reported that the industries in Mandi Gobindgarh and Amritsar will be converted from coal to CNG by 30.06.2021.
- (iii) The Committee directed PPCB to ensure that the industries in Mandi Gobindgarh and Amritsar will be converted to CNG by 30.06.2021.

(b) Creating of infrastructure for CNG Pipeline

- (i) Department of Industries reported that the work in Ludhiana and Jalandhar was delayed due to re-allotment of work for laying of CNG pipelines. Further, the permission from Department of Local Government is pending.
- (ii) The Committee directed Department of Local Government to provide the necessary approval within two weeks.

(c) Promotion of E-vehicle

- (i) The Department of Transport reported that the E-vehicle Policy will be notified within week time.

(d) Introduction of CNG based city Bus Service.

- (i) On the request of Department of Local Govt., the Committee agreed to remove this activity from the Action Plan.

(e) Procurement of adequate number of Noise Level Meters (NLMs) for monitoring.

- (i) PPCB reported that the work order for the procurement of NLMs will be placed by 31.03.2021.
- (ii) The Department of Transport reported that they have received the proposal from Traffic Police under Road Safety and is under consideration.
- (iii) The Committee directed PPCB and Department of Transport to procure the adequate number of NLMs by 31.03.2021, in compliance of NGT order dated 21.08.2020 in OA No. 681 of 2018.
- (iv) The Committee further directed PPCB to file the updated status for procurement for NLMs, installation of Noise Limiters and applying compensation regime to CPCB within week time.

Agenda No. 11.4 Preparation of District Environment Plans in compliance of NGT Order dated 26.09.19

- (i) The Department of Environment reported that requisite information for District Sangrur in prescribed format has been submitted to CPCB for preparing the Model District Environment Plan. Further, it was informed

that District Environment Committees are not convening regular monthly meetings at the District Level.

- (ii) The Department of Environment requested that the progress w.r.t. conducting monthly meetings by the District Environment Committees is also to be reviewed in the meeting conducted with Deputy Commissioners by the Chief Secretary, Punjab.
- (iii) The Committee directed PPCB to direct their Regional Officers to ensure that monthly meetings at District Level are to be convened regularly by the District Environment Committees.
- (iv) The Chairperson desired that the Department of General Administration be requested to incorporate this item in the Agenda of the meeting to be taken up with DCs.

Agenda No. 11.5 Submission of Quarterly Progress Report to CPCB in compliance to the NGT order in O.A. no. 606/2018.

- (i) The Department of Environment reported that the Quarterly Progress Report of the 3rd Quarter (October-December, 2020) is to be submitted to CPCB and NGT by 31.01.2021.
- (ii) The Committee noted the progress.

The Meeting ended with vote of Thanks to the Chair.
