

**Minutes of meeting of  
First Meeting of River Rejuvenation Committee, Uttarakhand.**

**Date: December 17, 2018**

**Venue: Office of the Additional Chief Secretary,  
Forest & Environment, Secretariat, Dehradun.**

In pursuance to order of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) in the matter O.A. No. 673 of 2018, News Item Published in "The Hindu" Authored by Shri Jacob Koshy titled - "More river Stretches are now critically Polluted: CPCB" issued on dated 20.09.2018, the Government of Uttarakhand vide its Office Order ref. no. 976/X-3-18-15(96)2019 has constituted the River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) on dated 05.12.2018.

The first meeting the River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) was held on dated 17.12.2018 under the Chairmanship of the Additional Chief Secretary, Forest and Environment, Govt. of Uttarakhand. Following officials were present in the meeting:

1. Dr. Ranbir Singh, Additional Chief Secretary, Forest & Environment, Govt. of Uttarakhand.
2. Shri D.J.K. Sharma, APCCF (Env. & CC), Forest Deptt., Uttarakhand.
3. Shri S.P. Subudhi, Member Secretary, UEPPCB, Dehradun.
4. Shri S.C. Nautiyal, Director, Industry, Uttarakhand.
5. Shri Ravi Pandey, SE, Urban Development Deptt. Uttarakhand.
6. Shri S.S. Pal, Chief Environment Officer, UEPPCB, Dehradun.
7. Dr. Rajendra Singh, ASO, UEPPCB, Dehradun.

Additional Chief Secretary welcomed all participants. Member Secretary, UEPPCB highlighted the directions issued by the Hon'ble NGT on dated 20.09.2018 and also briefed background of classification of polluted river stretches across the country. Member Secretary also focused on classification of river stretches as Priority-I to V. It was also informed that stretches of rivers Bhela (Kashipur to Rajpur Tanda), Dhela (Kashipur to Garhuwala, Thakurdwara) and Sushwa (Mothrawala to Raiwala) are classified as priority-I, while Kichha river is classified as priority-II. Further Kalyani river at D/s of Pantnagar is classified as priority-III, while rivers Ganga (Hardiwar to Sultanpur), Kosi (Sultanpur to Pattikalan), Nandhor (along Sitarganj) and Pilakhar (in the vicinity of Rudrapur) are identified as priority-IV.

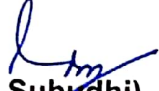
2. It was also informed that the Central Pollution Control Board has prepared Action Plan for Rejuvenation of River Hindon and Hon'ble NGT in its order directed that model action plan for Hindon River prepared by CPCB may also taken into account.
3. Member Secretary, UEPPCB also mentioned that draft action plans for priority-I & II river stretches i.e. rivers Bhela, Dhela, Kichha & Suswa have been prepared and circulated among Members of RRC. During the

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meeting the RRC considered the draft action plans and conceptually agreed with all four action plans and recommended to forward these action plans to Central Pollution Control Board for comments. Moreover, the RRC also directed to collect following information:

- i. Listing of industries located in the catchment of each rivers and their permitted discharge. In this way cumulative maximum industries discharge will be assessed in the river.
  - ii. Length of river stretch, which has been identified as polluted river stretch to be worked out.
  - iii. Mapping of drains should be done along with their discharge volume.
  - iv. Quantification of solid waste and its disposal practices in catchment towns.
4. It was also decided that the Member Secretary, Uttarakhand Environment Protection and Pollution Control Board will be a Member Secretary of the RRC.
5. The RRC also directed to prepare action plan of rest of the rivers as directed by the Hon'ble NGT at the earliest and placed before the RRC in next meeting.

Meeting ended with thanks to and from the chair.

  
(S.P. Subudhi)  
Member Secretary

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