

**Minutes of meeting of  
II<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of River Rejuvenation Committee, Uttarakhand.**

**Date: January 31, 2019**

**Venue: Office of the Member Secretary, UEPPCB,  
29/20, Nemi Road, Dalanwala, Dehradun.**

In pursuance to the 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 no. 976/X-3-18-15(96)2019 dated 05.12.2018 has constituted the River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) under the overall supervision of Additional Chief Secretary, Forest & Environment, Govt. of Uttarakhand.

The II<sup>nd</sup> meeting the River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC), Uttarakhand was held on dated 31.01.2019 under the Chairmanship of the Additional Chief Secretary, Forest and Environment, Govt. of Uttarakhand. Following officials were present in the meeting :

1. Shri S.P. Subudhi, Member Secretary, UEPPCB, Dehradun.
2. Shri S.C. Nautiyal, Director, Industries, Uttarakhand.
3. Shri Dinesh Sharma, Executive Engineer, Directorate of Urban Development, Dehradun.
4. Shri Kamal Bhatt, Directorate of Urban Development, Dehradun.
5. Dr. Ankur Kansal, Environment Engineer, UEPPCB, Dehradun.
6. 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 dated 19.12.2018. He also informed to the committee members that earlier four draft action plans of polluted river stretches viz. Bahela river, Dhela river, Suswa river and Kichha river were forwarded to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Delhi and Regional Directorate, CPCB, Lucknow. The Regional Directorate, Lucknow gave some suggestions in action plan of river Dhela and send it to UEPPCB with the request to get it approved by the River Rejuvenation Committee, Uttarakhand. Accordingly, as per the inputs received from CPCB, Zonal Directorate, Lucknow and members of the committee in the I<sup>st</sup> meeting of RRC, draft action plans for all 9 polluted river stretches have been prepared by UEPPCB.


Members of the River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC), Uttarakhand discussed the draft action plans of all nine polluted river stretches and with due deliberation and discussion approved all nine action plans along with following limiting factors:

- i) Since most of the rivers among the 9 are seasonal and not having perennial water flow, therefore maintaining water quality of Class "B" all the time, would be difficult.
- ii) The identified activity would be successful only after timely availability of required funds.
- iii) For creating environmental infrastructure in the State, availability of suitable land would also be limiting factor.

The RRC, Uttarakhand also decided that Member Secretary, UEPPCB will forward all action plans to the Central Pollution Control Board for further comments and approval. It was also decided that action plans will be placed on website of UEPPCB for public information and suggestion.

The RRC also discussed the direction of the Hon'ble NGT regarding performance guarantee to be furnished for implementation of Action Plans. RRC decided that the matter of performance guarantee shall be forwarded to the Government of Uttarakhand for further necessary action.

Meeting ended with thanks to and from the chair.


  
(S.P. Subudhi)  
Member Secretary

**River Rejuvenation Committee, Uttarakhand**  
**C/o Uttarakhand Environment Protection and Pollution Control Board**  
**29/20, Nemi Road, Dalanwala, Dehradun (Uttarakhand)**

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