

**Minutes of meeting of
5th Meeting of River Rejuvenation Committee, Uttarakhand**

Date : June 24, 2019

Venue: Office of the Principal Secretary, Forest & Environment,
Govt. of Uttarakhand

The 5th meeting the River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC), constituted by the Government of Uttarakhand vide its Office Order ref. no. 976/X-3-18-15(96)2019 dated 05.12.2019 was held on dated 24.06.2019 under the Chairmanship of the Principal 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 Chadresh Kumar, Additional Secretary, Urban Development, Govt. of Uttarakhand, Dehradun.
 3. Shri S.S. Pal, Chief Environment Officer, UEPPCB, Dehradun.
 4. Shri Ravi Pandey, SE, Directorate of Urban Development, Uttarakhand.
 5. Shri Sushil Chandra Bhatt, AE, SIIDCUL, IT Park, Dehradun.
 6. Dr. Rajendra Singh, ASO, UEPPCB, Dehradun.
2. Principal Secretary welcomed all members of River Rejuvenation Committee and other invitees. Member Secretary, UEPPCB highlighted the orders issued by the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal GT on 20.09.2018; 19.12.2018 and 08.04.2019 in the matter of Original Application No. 673/2018. Member Secretary informed that the Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam has submitted its action plans for interception, diversion and treatment of municipal drains leading to polluted river stretches. Directorate of Urban Development has also provided status of solid waste management and their plans for compliance with regard to solid waste management in Urban Local Bodies located in the areas. Nodal Officer of Urban Development Directorate also informed that two solid waste processing and disposal plants are in operation at Dehradun and Haridwar cities and mechanical segregation of collected wastes at plant site are being done.
3. Department of Irrigation vide its letter dated 24.06.2019 has communicated that flood plain zoning of river Ganga from Haridwar to Sultanpur has been done and notified by the State Government. Further, a proposal of about Rs. 72.89 Laks has been prepared for flood plain zoning of rivers Gola (along Kichha town) and Kosi (Sultanpur to Patti Kalan) in November, 2017 and it will be completed within 18 months after approval. Flood plain zoning of rest of polluted river stretches is not required as these stretches are non-perennial in nature.
4. Member Secretary, UEPPCB stated that based on proposal/plans submitted by the various departments, draft action plans of all five polluted river stretches viz. Rivers Kalyani (downstream of Pantnagar), Ganga (Haridwar to Sultanpur), Kosi (Sultanput Patti to Patti Kalan), Nandhor/Kailash (Along Sitarganj) and Pilakhar (Downstream of Bazpur) of priority-III & IV have been prepared. The River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) discussed proposed activities in detail and unanimously approved action plans of all 5-polluted river stretches and decided that the Member Secretary, UEPPCB will forward

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action plans of priority-III & IV polluted river stretches to the Central Pollution Control Board for approval.

5. RRC, Uttarakhand discussed the issues of achieving water quality for bathing water in the said river stretches. It was informed that class "B" water quality is already achieved in river Ganga at downstream of Haridwar. However, in case of other non-perennial river stretches, it would not be possible to bring the water quality of these non-perennial rivers at desired water quality class even after implementation of action plans as except for two months of rainy season, the river stretches remains dry. It was also decided that to verify the non-perennial nature of river stretches, Irrigation Department and UEPPCB will measure river discharge in all seasons.
6. RRC, Uttarakhand also discussed the issues of performance guarantee and environmental compensation imposed by the Hon'ble NGT on 08.04.2019. It was informed that, the meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand in the matter of O.A. No. 606/2018 also deliberated the issue of environmental compensation and performance guarantee to be submitted by the State of Uttarakhand and it was decided that the State will file relief application before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in this regard. Committee also expressed its solidarity with decision taken in the meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand. Committee also decided that the Member Secretary, UEPPCB is authorized to file relief application before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on behalf of RRC.

Meeting ended with thanks to and from the chair.

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Member Secretary

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5. Director, Industries, Industrial Area, Patel Nagar, Dehradun.
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