

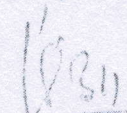
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Department of Water Resources, River Development
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the 9th meeting of Central Monitoring Committee in the NGT Matter OA No.673 of 2018 held on 04.03.2021 from 10.00 AM on-wards

A copy of Minutes of the 9th Meeting of Central Monitoring Committee in the NGT matter O.A. No. 673 of 2018 held through Video Conferencing on 04.03.2021 from 10.00 AM on-wards, under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti is forwarded herewith for information/ necessary action.


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Encl: As above.

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Minutes of the 9th meeting of the Central Monitoring Committee held on 04.03.2021 through Video Conferencing regarding 351 polluted river stretches based on the directions of Hon'ble NGT in the matter OA No. 673 of 2018

The 9th meeting of the Central Monitoring Committee (CMC) constituted by Hon'ble NGT in the matter OA No. 673 of 2018 was held through video conferencing with the States on 04.03.2021 from 10.00 AM onwards in Conference Room, NMCG under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS). The list of participants of NMCG, NRCD, MoHUA and CPCB present at the meeting is at *Annexure-I*.

II. Director General, NMCG welcomed all the participants and the new Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti. DG, NMCG briefed about the directions given by NGT in its previous orders and the compliance achieved thereof. Further, directions passed by NGT vide its latest order dated 22.02.2021 were spelt out as given below and the States were directed to ensure compliance with the orders.

- River Rejuvenation Committees in the States/UTs and CMC to continue functioning.
- Statutory mechanism existing in form of October, 2016 Ganga Authority Notification may be adopted for all the river stretches as issues involved are common. States were requested to refer to the Authority notification available on NMCG website.
- The Empowered Task Force on river Ganga headed by Union Minister of Jal Shakti may exercise all powers and discharge all functions in relation to all the polluted river stretches in the same manner as the functions entrusted to it under the Ganga Authority Notification, 2016.
- MoJS may issue appropriate statutory order to give effect to the above directions under the EP Act, 1986 and this mechanism may be called "*National River Rejuvenation Mechanism*" (NRRM) or given any other suitable name. NRRM may also consider the observations with regard to setting up of National/State/District Environment Data Grid at appropriate levels as an effective monitoring strategy. MoJS is in process of developing the mechanism and the same shall be consulted with the States shortly.
- States/UTs to ensure that all the rivers in the country should attain good health and to ensure the quality is not degraded.

In his opening remarks Secretary, MoJS welcomed all participants and mentioned that it is collective responsibility of all concerned to ensure that our rivers and water bodies are rejuvenated and conserved.

ED (Tech), NMCG informed that as per NGT order, fecal coliform should be a parameter for monitoring of polluted river stretches. Further, if any offence by way of violation of environmental laws is committed by a Government Department, the Head of Department is deemed to be guilty. Cognizance of such offence can be taken by a Court on a complaint of the Central Government or any other person who has given notice to the Central Government or its authorized representative. The complaint can be filed before a Court of 1st Class Magistrate. It was also highlighted by NGT that regular monitoring at State level under the chairmanship of Chief Secretaries should continue.

DG, NMCG requested the States to monitor the fecal coliform in the polluted river stretches.

III. Subsequently, State-wise discussions held are as follows:

Through a presentation, progress made by the States was highlighted and the issues related to sewage, industrial and solid waste management in the States based on the information submitted in MPRs were brought out for review.

1. Punjab

Deputy Director, NRCD informed that State has 117 STPs having total treatment capacity of 1,677.5 MLD against the total sewage generation of 2,111 MLD. Sewage is also being treated by alternate technology in 2 STPs having capacity of 500 KLD each. State has recently awarded the work for construction of 8 STPs having total treatment capacity of 294.8 MLD. As reported by the State in the MPR, 108 existing STPs were monitored in the month of January 2021, out of which 43 STPs were found to be non-complying with the discharge standards, which was higher than the numbers reported previously. Further, it was informed that State has 4,037 water polluting industry units having total industrial discharge of about 398 MLD. 1,738 industries have installed ETPs with a treatment capacity of 396.42 MLD. 86 ETPs were monitored in January 2021, of which 72 ETPs were found to be complying with the discharge norms. Letter of award for construction of STPs at Ludhiana was issued in December, 2020. State Government was requested to provide latest status on the progress made in this regard so far. State was also requested to provide the progress made in

27. Uttarakhand

Director (Technical), NMCG highlighted that recently one more STP of 7 MLD has been completed at Ramnagar. Out of 59 operational STPs in the State, 3 STPs were reported to be non-complying-these are old STPs of 1.25 MLD at Bheemtal, 2 MLD at Almora & 1.25 MLD at Pithoragarh. State needs to provide updated figures in the MPRs.

Member Secretary, Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board informed that STPs of 60 MLD are under construction and STPs of 106 MLD are under proposal stage. To increase the capacity utilization of the STP, proposal is in progress for I&D of drains and connections of household sewers. Further, possibility of septage management and co-treatment is being explored in the State. Proposal for co-treatment of septage at Devprayag, Srinagar, Haridwar and Rishikesh has been prepared. It was informed that all 530 units have been connected to 4.5 MLD CETP at Haridwar, all 75 units connected to CETP at Sitarganj and 24 units are yet to be connected to the CETP at Pantnagar. With regard to solid waste processing plants, DPR of 89 ULBs have been approved by State out of total 93 proposed plants. Work for remediation of legacy waste has started in 5 ULBs and DPR is under preparation for 19 ULBs. Further, it was informed that out of 63 STPs, only 3 STPs are found to be non-complying, while as per the reports of CPCB, 16 STPs were reported to be non-complying. Therefore, it is proposed to carry out inspection of the STPs to verify the status of compliance.

28. Uttar Pradesh

Senior Waste Management Specialist, NMCG informed that in addition to the proposed STPs reported previously, an additional STP of 15 MLD at Kairana has been added for which NIT has been published. Number of complying STPs since last meeting has increased to 90 from 80 and presently 11 STPs are reported as non-complying. Out of 7 CETPs, 6 are complying and 1 CETP of Mathura is non-complying which is under rehabilitation under Namami Gange. It was informed that the contract for rehabilitation has been signed and work is yet to commence.

DG, NMCG directed that all the non-complying industries should be issued closure notices and action against the concerned officials responsible for ensuring compliance of CETP should also be taken.