



CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

(Water Quality Management Division-I)

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Minutes of First meeting of the Executing Committee held on 31.08.2018 at 'Haryana Niwas, Sector-3, Chandigarh' under the Chairmanship of Justice Pritam Pal, Former Judge, Punjab & Haryana Court, in compliance to the Hon'ble NGT order dated 07.08.2018 in matter of OA No. 139 of 2016 titled Stench Grips Mansa's Sacred Ghaggar River (Suo-Motu Case) And Yogender Kumar

First Meeting of the Executing Committee was held on 31.08.2018 at 11.30 AM at 'Haryana Niwas, Sector-3, Chandigarh' under the Chairmanship of *Justice Pritam Pal Former Judge, Punjab & Haryana Court*. Shri S. Narayanan, Member Secretary, Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) welcomed the Chairman and Members of the Executing Committee as well as Officials of CPCB, State Governments and Pollution Control Boards of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh Union Territory Administration. The List of Officials attended the meeting is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

After a brief introduction of the Officials of CPCB, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh States and Chandigarh Union Territory Administration, the Chairman of the Executing Committee requested CPCB representative (s) to brief about main content of the Hon'ble NGT order dated 07.08,2018 and also the action to be taken by the Chief Secretaries of the above States/UT to ensure compliance to the Hon'ble NGT order dated 07.08.2018 .

Shri. A. Sudhakar, Additional Director, Water Quality Management Division in Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) readout main content of the order and the actions to be taken by the State Governments of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and

Chandigarh UT for control of river Ghaggar pollution. Thereafter, he stated that the Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh States and Chandigarh UT are required to constitute Special Task Forces (STFs) at the State Level as well as District Level in the respective States and UT to identify the persons violating the norms. STFs at District Level are required to submit the monthly action taken reports to State Level STF and State Level in STF in turn have to submit quarterly reports to CPCB. He also emphasized that the action plans to be prepared with time targets for restoration of Ghaggar river water quality upto the level of Class B classification i.e., bathing criteria, by also involving the civil societies. He also informed that Executing Committee has been empowered by Hon'ble NGT to issue directions to any authority or local body, if required to ensure compliance to the Hon'ble NGT Order. CPCB will be the nodal agency. The Committee shall also make personal visits to sites related to river Ghaggar and polluting sources, if necessary or call for information or reports from the concerned departments. All logistics etc., are required to be provided by the Chief Secretary, Punjab State Government. Thereafter, he also stated that the executing committee will review the progress on fortnightly basis and shall file the interim report on or before 31.01.2019. The remuneration for the oversight body shall be determined by the Chief Secretary, Punjab in consultation with the Chief Secretaries of Haryana, H.P and Chandigarh Governments and in consultation with the Chairman of the Executing Committee. He also stated that organizations such as State Ground Water Board (s) may also be involved for assessment of ground water quality and State Health Departments for assessment of health of the public, for providing treatment services if required. If any ground water is found unfit for human consumption then such ground sources should be dismantled or capped or sealed to prevent consumption. He also informed that any industry found violating the prescribed norms should be closed down and presented.

Thereafter, Chairman of the Executing Committee requested the representative of the State Governments to present actions taken by them subsequent to the Order of the Hon'ble NGT dated 07.08.2018.

Shri. S. Narayanan, Member Secretary, Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) has apprised Executing Committee that HSPCB already constituted STFs at State Level as well as District Level and also informed that the proposals for development of adequate capacity of STPs and CETPs are under progress. Thereafter, he requested Shri. JP Singh, EE, HSPCB to make a brief Power Point Presentation on River Ghaggar and the actions being taken by the State of Haryana.

Shri J.P.Singh, in his presentation stated that State of Haryana has already constituted State Level and District Level Task Forces in compliance to the orders of Hon'ble NGT. STF at State Level and also constituted 08 DSTFs in Haryana State and STFs are expected to submit their first report by September 2018. The order regarding constitution of Task Forces at State and District Level has already been uploaded on website of HSPCB and Environment Department, Haryana. He also stated that there are 12 towns namely Kalka, Pinjore, Panchkula, Ambala, Kurukshetra, Shahbad, Pehowa, Kaithal, Cheeka, Ratia, Tohana and Sirsa located on the catchment of River Ghaggar and 06 out of 16 drains contributing to River Ghaggar Pollution from Haryana State and minimum BOD of 12 mg/l was observed in Kaithal drain at Vill. Khanauri whereas Sagar Para Drain at Vill. Sagra contribute BOD level of 90 mg/l. As regards Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) and Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs), he informed that 46 STPs of 400 MLD are operational at present and 8 STPs of 70.5 MLD are under construction and 19 STPs of 83 MLD are proposed and 3 CETPs of 6 MLD are operational and 1 CETP of 1.5 MLD has been proposed. Other measures or initiatives taken by Haryana as informed are (i) sewerage is being laid in towns in the catchment of river Ghaggar; (ii) Plan to recycle treated effluent of STPs so that no sewage is discharged in river Ghaggar; (iii) Installation of Real Time Online Monitoring Devices for all STPs and CETPs; (iv) Conducting surveys to identify remaining point sources of river Ghaggar pollution

Shri Krunesh Garg, Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) informed that the proposal regarding constitution of State Level and District Level Task Forces has already been under submission for approval of the Chief Secretary, Punjab State Government. He also stated that there are 22 towns in the catchment of river Ghaggar and generating about 273 MLD of sewage and 17 out of 31 STPs covering 15 towns have already been provided with 208 MLD sewage treatment capacity. In pursuance to the Hon'ble NGT order dated 07.08.2018, payment of Rs. 2 Lakhs to Ms. Katyayni, Amicus Curiae has already been sanctioned by Chairman, PPCB and same would be released by 06.09.2018

The representative of H.P. State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) informed that STFs at District Level will be constituted and further actions would be initiated in compliance to the order of Hon'ble NGT dated 07.08.2018.

The Member Secretary, Chandigarh UT Administration informed that the STF at State Level and District Level in compliance to the Hon'ble NGT order dated 07.08.2018 will be constituted by 06.09.2018.

Thereafter, Chairman, Executing Committee enquired about the conviction rate of the prosecution cases being filed for Environmental violations in States. It was informed by all the State Pollution Control Boards that the conviction rate is less than 1%.

As regards to the logistics to be provided to the Executing Committee, Shri A Sudhakar, Addl. Director, CPCB made it clear that all logistics regarding office, staff etc. are to be provided by Chief Secretary, Punjab State Government as directed by Hon'ble NGT.

Shri J . Chandra Babu, Sc. D, CPCB and member of the Executing Committee requested all the State Government representatives and Chandigarh UT administration who are yet to constitute Special Task Forces in pursuance to the Hon'ble NGT order dated 07.08.2018 to take action for constitution of the special task forces before 06.09.2018 and also to forward a copy of the order to the executing committee as well as CPCB. He also requested to provide preliminary information as per the formats circulated during the meeting before the next meeting of the executing committee along with the draft action plans for ensuring compliance to the Hon'ble NGT Order dated 07.09.2018. He also requested the Punjab, Haryana and H.P. SPCBs and Chandigarh UT Administration to identify the industries indulged in discharge of industrial effluent into the river Ghaggar and to initiate action against such violators for closure in compliance to the Hon'ble NGT order dated 07.08.2018 part from providing preliminary information relating to area-wise sewage and industrial effluent management as per the formats circulated in the meeting.

Upon deliberations following decisions were taken as detailed below:-

- Punjab Govt. has to provide all the necessary logistics and an adequate office space in Chandigarh so that smooth functioning of the Executing Committee is started at the earliest.
- A dedicated web portal also be provided by the Punjab State Government for uploading information regarding action taken and also for receiving feedback from the public or stakeholders.

- All the concerned departments are required to identify the nodal officer to co-ordinate with the executing committee as and when required.
- Punjab, Haryana and H.P. SPCBs and Chandigarh PCC are required to identify all the industries indulged in direct/ indirect discharge of industrial effluent and other pollution into river Ghaggar, be identified and such information be provided to the Committee to verify further by it.
- Information relating to the area-wise quantum of sewage and industrial effluent generation, existing treatment capacities and the proposed treatment capacities to control pollution of River Ghaggar, as per the formats circulated during the first meeting (annexed as **Annexure-II**) also be provided to the Executing Committee and CPCB.
- The Chief Secretaries of the State Governments (Punjab, Haryana, H.P and Chandigarh UT) have to review the proposed draft Action Plan with all the concerned departments and the Chief Secretary or his representative has to be present to apprise the Executing Committee in the next meeting about the draft proposed actions with time targets in compliance to the Hon'ble NGT order dated 07.08.2018.
- Meeting with District Attorney of the State Boards and also the presiding officers of the Environment Courts will be held at the earliest under the Chairmanship of the Chairman, Executing Committee so that lacunas if any in the prosecutions be removed.
- All the Chief Secretaries of State Governments (Punjab, Haryana and H.,P) and Chandigarh UT Administration are required to ensure submission of Action Taken Reports (ATRs) in compliance to the Hon'ble NGT order dated 07.08.2018 to the Executing Committee and CPCB, voluntarily on fortnightly basis.
- Next meeting of the Executing Committee will be held on 11.09.2018 at 11.30 AM at 'Chandigarh' and same will be organized by Punjab State Government.

The Chairman of the Executing Committee thanked 'Member Secretary, Haryana Pollution Control Board' for excellent arrangements and for organizing first meeting of the Executing Committee.

First meeting of the Executing Committee ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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List of Participants of the First meeting of the Executing Committee held on 31.08.2018 at 'Haryana Niwas, Sector-3, Chandigarh' under the Chairmanship of Justice Pritam Pal Former Judge, Punjab & Haryana Court for ensuring compliance to Hon'ble NGT vide order Dated 07-08-2018 in the matter of OA No. 138/2016 (T_{NHRC}) and OA No. 139 of 2016 (T_{NHRC}) .

S. No.	Name of the Official, Designation/Department
1.	Justice Pritam Pal, Chairman, Executing Committee
2.	Sh. J. Chandra Babu Sc. 'D' and Member, Executing Committee
3.	Sh. A. Sudhakar, AD & Divisional Head, WQM-I, CPCB
4.	Sh. S. Narayanan, MS, HSPCB
5.	Sh. Krunesh Garg, MS, PPCB
6.	Sh. T.C. Nautiyal, MS, CPCC
7.	Dr. Vimal K. Hatwal, Joint Director, Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Chandigarh
8.	Sh. T. S. Dhaliwal, Spl Secretary, Dept. of Science & Technology, Govt. of Punjab.
9.	Sh. M. Mohit, Spl-Secretary, , Local Government
10.	Dr. R. K. Chauhan JD (Envi.), Haryana
11.	Sh. Parveen Kumar, Sc.'D', WQ
12.	Sh. Sanjeer Kaul, S.E. HPIPH Deptt.
13.	Sh.J.P.Singh, EE, HSPCB, Haryana
14.	Sh. S. S. Rathi, Sr. EE, HSPCB
15.	Sh. V.S. Kochhar , Water Supply and Sanitation, Punjab.
16.	Sh. Tejinder Kumar, SEE,PPCB
17.	Sh. A.K. Sharda, EE, HPPCB
18.	Dr. Radhe Shyam, Scientist, Gr-I, Environment Department, Haryana
19.	Sh. K.P. Goyel, CE(E), PTA
20.	Sh. Shashi Bhushan Garg
21.	Sh. Ramesh Kumar Gupta, SE, PTA Org.
22.	Sh. Sushil Dugra, Scientist, CPCC
23.	Sh. Nishant Garg, Drainage (PTA)
24.	Sh. Gaurav Kakkar, A.E.E., HSPCB
25.	Dr. Raj Kumar, Sc.'B', HSPCB, Haryana

Annexure-II

Formats for providing preliminary information on sewage and industrial effluent management by the States of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh UT

A. Sewage contributing to River Ghaggar and its tributaries by all the Towns and Cities in the State of H.P/ Haryana/Punjab and Chandigarh UT

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B. Industrial Effluent contributing to Pollution in River Ghaggar and its tributaries by all the Industrial Towns and Cities located in the State of H.P. /Haryana/Punjab and Chandigarh

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2nd meeting of the Executing Committee to be held on 11/8/2018 at under the Chairmanship of Justice Pritam Pal, Former Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court, in compliance to the Hon'ble NGT Order dated 7/8/2018 in matter of OA No. 139 of 2016 titled Stench Grips Mansa's Sacred Ghaggar River (Suo-Motu Case) And Yogender Kumar

Sr. No.	Decisions of the First Executing Committee held on 31/8/2018	Compliance status report
1)	Punjab Govt. has to provide all the necessary logistics and an adequate office space in Chandigarh so that smooth functioning of the Executing Committee is started at the earliest.	
2)	A dedicated web portal also be provided by the Punjab State Government for uploading information regarding action taken and also for receiving feedback from the public or stakeholders.	
3)	All the concerned departments are required to identify the nodal officer to co-ordinate with the executing committee as and when required.	
4)	Punjab, Haryana and H.P. SPCBs and Chandigarh PCC are required to identify all the industries indulged in direct/ indirect discharge of industrial	

	effluent and other pollution into river Ghaggar, be identified and such information be provided to the Committee to verify further by it.	
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6)	The Chief Secretaries of the State Governments (Punjab, Haryana, H.P and Chandigarh UT) have to review the proposed draft Action Plan with all the concerned departments and the Chief Secretary or his representative has to be present to apprise the Executing Committee in the next meeting about the draft proposed actions with time targets in compliance to the Hon'ble NGT order dated	

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7)	Meeting with District Attorney of the State Boards and also the presiding officers of the Environment Courts will be held at the earliest under the Chairmanship of the Chairman, Executing Committee so that lacunas if any in the prosecutions be removed.	
8)	All the Chief Secretaries of State Governments (Punjab, Haryana and H.,P) and Chandigarh UT Administration are required to ensure submission of Action Taken Reports (ATRs) in compliance to the Hon'ble NGT order dated 07.08.2018 to the Executing Committee and CPCB, voluntarily on fortnightly basis.	
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