

Subject:- Minutes of the 2nd meeting of District Level Special Task Force (DLSTF) held under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (G), Sangrur on 18.12.2018 at 04.00 PM, in compliance to Hon'ble NGT Order dated 07.08.2018.

At the outset of the meeting, the Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Sangrur welcomed the Chairman and members of the District Level Special Task Force. The list of Officials, who attended the meeting, is attached as **Annexure - 1**.

The Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Sangrur apprised that in the 1st meeting of the District Level Special Task Force (DLSTF) constituted in compliance of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal order dtd. 07.08.2018, the matter regarding directions of the Hon'ble Tribunal, to stop discharge of untreated waste water into river Ghaggar, was discussed in details & all the members of the District Level Special Task Force (DLSTF) were asked to submit the time bound action plan related to their department to restrict the discharge of untreated waste water into river Ghaggar and the drains/tributaries which directly or indirectly converge with river Ghaggar.

The proceedings of the 1st meeting were conveyed to all the concerned departments vide letter no. 5995-612 dated 04/12/2018 with the request to submit compliance report within 15 days.

He further informed that the Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board has also taken a meeting on 18.12.2018, wherein, it was informed that the Principal Secretary, Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Govt. of Punjab has desired that in order to keep a check on the discharge of untreated waste water into river Ghaggar, it is essential to first identify the sources. Accordingly, it has been desired that a detailed survey needs to be conducted to identify the point sources as well as to verify the quantity of effluent being discharged into river Ghaggar through these drains/tributaries which directly or indirectly converge with river Ghaggar as well as the quality of effluent. The GPS location of all the point sources may also be checked and the entire exercise may be completed within 10 days.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner (G) informed the members that 8th meeting of Executing Committee (Constituted by Hon'ble National Green Tribunal) is scheduled to be held on 22/12/2018 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice Pritam Pal, Former Judge, Punjab & Haryana High Court. In this meeting, the Deputy Commissioners of concerned Districts have also been called to submit action plan to curb the pollution in river Ghaggar by preventing discharge of untreated wastewater to ensure compliance of NGT order.

Thereafter, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (G) asked the members to submit report in compliance to the decisions taken during 1st meeting of District Level Special Task Force. The representatives of concerned departments submitted compliance report as under:

1. Sh. Kuljit Singh, Executive Engineer, Department of Irrigation (Drainage), Sangrur informed that the list of sources (villages) discharging effluent into river Ghaggar directly and indirectly through drains/tributaries converging with river Ghaggar has been prepared. He submitted the same during meeting.
2. Sh. Ranjit Singh, Executive Engineer, Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Sangrur submitted list of 60 villages, which discharge their effluent into river Ghaggar directly or indirectly through drains/tributaries converging with river Ghaggar. He further informed that there is proposal to provide effluent treatment facilities as per the Seechewal Model to treat the waste water of these villages, which shall cost about Rs. 496.98 lacs and the work will be completed

within 4 months after receipt of requisite funds. He further informed that presently, no funds are available to execute the said work.

3. Sh. Gurwinder Singh Dhindsa, Executive Engineer, Department of Punjab Water Supply & Sanitation, Sangrur informed that regular sampling of drinking water is being carried out to ensure supply of safe drinking water. He further informed that ROs have been installed in the areas, in which the concentration of arsenic, flouride etc. is found beyond permissible limits. But, he did not submit any report in writing w.r.t. above submissions.
4. Sh. Ashwani Kumar, Executive Engineer, Department of Punjab water Supply & Sewerage, Sangrur submitted report regarding status of STPs of Distt. Sangrur along with timeline for construction of these STPs. He further informed that the STP of MC Sunam has been commissioned and STPs of Municipal Council Lehra, Nagar Panchayat Moonak & Nagar Panchayat Khanouri have been put in operation and are still under stabilization. The stabilization process will be completed upto 31/12/2018. He further informed that STP of Municipal Council Bhawanigarh is under construction & and is likely to be completed and commissioned by June, 2019.
5. Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, District Soil Conservation Officer, Department of Soil & Water Conservation, Sangrur submitted the report and informed that the pipelines for the utilization of treated domestic effluent after STPs of MC Sunam, MC Lehra & MC Moonak have been laid for irrigation of crops. He further informed that funds amounting to Rs. 110 lacs are required for installation of pipeline for the utilization of treated domestic effluent of Nagar Panchayat Khanouri.
6. Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Assistant Civil Surgeon, Health Department, Sangrur informed that action plan for holding medical camps from 14/12/2018 to 03/01/2019 in villages located near river Ghaggar was prepared, but due to panchayat elections, the camps have been deferred and will now be held from 01/01/2019 to 18/01/2019.
7. Sh. Arpan Kumar Banerjee, Scientist-B, Central Ground Water Board, Chandigarh informed that regular monitoring of ground water level is being carried out and accordingly, the area of District Sangrur has been classified into various zones. He further informed that the report is being sent to Central Ground Water Authority regularly.

Thereafter, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (G) said that the pollution in river Ghaggar is being closely monitored by the Executive Committee constituted by Hon'ble NGT. He therefore directed that

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

Annexure-1

List of participants, of the 2nd meeting of District Level Special Task Force held on 18.12.2018 in Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur Office under the Chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (G), Sangrur in compliance to Hon'ble NGT Order dated 07.08.2018 in the case of River Ghaggar.

Sr. No.	Name of the Officials, Designation / Department
1.	Sh. Harjeet Singh, Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Sangrur
2.	Sh. Kuljit Singh, Executive Engineer, Department of Irrigation (Drainage), Sangrur
3.	Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, District Soil Conservation Officer, Department of Soil & Water Conservation, Sangrur
4.	Sh. Gurwinder Singh Dhindsa, Executive Engineer, Department of Punjab Water Supply & Sanitation, Sangrur
5.	Sh. Ranjit Singh, Executive Engineer, Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Sangrur
6.	Sh. Ashwani Kumar, Executive Engineer, Department of Punjab water Supply & Sewerage, Sangrur
7.	Sh. Harinder Singh, Assistant Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Sangrur
8.	Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Assistant Civil Surgeon, Health Department, Sangrur
9.	Dr. Upasna Bindra, Epidemiologist, Health Department, Sangrur
10.	Sh. Arpan Kumar Banerjee, Scientist-B, Central Ground Water Board, Chandigarh
11.	Sh. Sanjay Kumar Bansal, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Bhawanigarh
12.	Sh. K.S. Brar, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Sangrur & Malerkotla
13.	Sh. Chander Parkash, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Dirba & Ahmedgarh
14.	Sh. Subash Chand, Junior Engineer, Municipal Council, Longowal & Nagar Panchayat, Cheema
15.	Sh. Jagdeep Singh, Junior Engineer, Nagar Panchayat Moonak & Municipal Council, Lehragaga
16.	Sh. Janak Raj, Junior Engineer, Nagar Panchayat, Khanouri
17.	Sh. Kirandeep Sahota, Clerk, Municipal Council, Sunam