

Minutes of 7th meeting of the Executing Committee held with the Nodal Officers of Pollution Control Boards of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh to discuss over the progress reports and result of water samples analysed during the period from 1st September, 2018 to till 30th November, 2018 in respect of Ghaggar River and its tributaries over drains at 4th Floor, Tower No.5, Forest Complex, Sector 68, Mohali under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice Pritam Pal, Former Judge, Punjab & Haryana Court, for ensuring 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.

7th meeting of Executing Committee was held with the Nodal officers of Pollution Control Boards of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh at 11 AM on 6.12.2018 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice Pritam Pal, Former Judge, Punjab & Haryana Court for ensuring 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. The list of Officials, who attended the meeting is enclosed as **Annexure-I.**

1. HIMACHAL PRADESH

- a. Nodal Officer, Himachal Pradesh informed that there are following two water polluted nalas which ultimately merged in Ghaggar River:
 - (i) Sukhna Nallah
 - (ii) Jattan Wala Nala (Kala Amb)
- b. Reports are not being submitted by the District level task forces, as per NGT orders 7/8/2018.
- c. Hon'ble Chairman and other members of the Executing Committee observed discharge of untreated wastewater from an apple factory into the Sukhna Nala during their recent visit to Parwanoo Industrial area. Assistant Environmental Engineer (AEE), HP-PCB, Regional Office Parwanoo, who was accompanying with Hon'ble Chairman, assured during the visit that action will be taken against this industry. AEE further informed that the Closer was given to the unit; however, no action was initiated by the Head Office so far. AEE further added that verbal assurance has been given by the industry to improve the ETP and that they will not discharge any polluted water in Sukhna Nala, in future.
- d. Further Nodal Officer apprised the committee by following information on source of Ghaggar River pollution in Himachal Pradesh.

<u>Source of Pollution</u>	
Sukhana Nallah, Parwanoo, District Solan	Jattan Wala Nala, Kala Amb, Disstt. Sirmour at Nahan
<u>Action Taken (August to Nov)</u>	<u>Action Taken (August to Nov)</u>
1. During this period, notices (directions) to 8 industrial units were issued. None of the industrial unit was prosecuted. 2. Seven electroplating units were inspected, 3 were complying with ZLD and remaining will comply ZLD by 31.12.2018. 3. Sixteen Septic Tanks managed by the Himachal Pradesh Housing and Urban Development Authority were inspected and 6 were found non-functional. 4. Fine of Rs.5000/- was imposed upon five industrial units for improper solid waste management.	1. Two meetings of District Level Task Force were held. 2. There are total 90 water polluted Units in this area. 3. Inspection of 54 industrial units was done. Out of which 50 samples were taken and result of 15 units are out. 4. Result of 2 industrial units was found beyond the permissible limits. 5. Health Camps at Kala Amb 6. No Prosecution so far. 7. Twenty two drinking water samples of catchment area were taken and all parameters were found the within the permissible limits.

2. HARYANA

- [a] Nodal Officer, Haryana informed the Committee that total 63 water polluting industries were inspected from August to November.
- [b] Nodal Officer further apprised the committee that the closer notices has been issued to 16 industries; however no prosecution has been initiated so far.
- [c] Further, Nodal Officer shared following status of water quality at eight points fall under the jurisdiction of HSPCB:

1.	Sector 28 Panchkula	STP Panchkula Area discharge – Quality degraded
2.	ShukhnaChoe	Quality degraded
3.	Ghail Drain, Ambala	Minor improvement
4.	Markanda, Ambala Distt.	Discharge of Ambala city only
5.	Sagar Para Drain (Saraswati)	Discharge of Kurukshetra, Shahbad and Pehva.
6.	Kaithal Drain	Khinouri (Punjab) merged with Ghaggar
7.	Ratia (Fatehabad)	Discharge of Ratia
8.	Sirsa	Not Given

[d] Further, Nodal Officer assured that all STPs, CTPs will have online checkup monitoring system in near future.

3. PUNJAB

[a] Nodal Officer, Punjab informed the Committee that neither any closure was issued nor any prosecution was initiated by the PPCB from August to November.

[b] Further, it was informed that no health campus has been organized in the Catchment area of the Ghaggar so far.

[c] Nodal Officer shared following information on source of pollution in Ghaggar River from the Punjab State.

1.	Mohali	1.Dhabi Nalah 2. Derabassi 3. JharmalChoe
2.	Derabassi	At some points, polluted water directly discharged in Ghaggar River.
3.	Patiala	1. Basoli (25 dhara) 2. Dhakansu 3. Patiala Nadi
4.	Sangrur	1. Jambuwalachoe (Sangrur Distt.) 2. Khnouri town 3. Moonak town
5.	Mansa	1. Lehraagaga 2. Sardoolgarh

4. CHANDIGARH

[a] Nodal Officer, Chandigarh informed the Committee that there were two main sources of pollution from Chandigarh Side:

- i. Sukhna Choe
- ii. N Choe (Attawachoe)

[b] One industrial unit was closed due to without ETP discharge.

5. Representative of all the states raised their concern for the functioning of the district level task forces. However, Hon'ble Chairman assured that the matter will be taken up with the concerned department in near future.

6. Committee desired to submit a detailed report of the work, time bond action taken report with the water quality results showing before and after execution of the Hon'ble NGT orders.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

List of persons who attended meeting on 6.12.2018

1. Justice Pritam Pal, Chairman, Executive Committee (Ghaggar River)
2. Dr. V.K. Hatwal, Member, Executive Committee (Ghaggar River)
3. Sh. Tejinder Singh, Nodal Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board
4. Sh. S.K. Shandil, Nodal Officer, Himachal Pradesh Pollution Control Board
5. Sh. Shharawan Kumar, Sr. Environmental Engg. Paonta Sahib, Distt. Sirmour
6. Sh. Lalit Kumar, Himachal Pradesh Pollution Control Board.
7. Sh. J.P. Singh, Nodal Officer, Haryana Pollution Control Board, Panckula
8. Sh. Vivek Pandey, Nodal Officer, Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee