



Central Pollution Control Board

(Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India)

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Minutes of Seventh Meeting of Monitoring Committee held on 08.01.2019 in Committee Room of Punjab State Council for Science and Technology, Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Chandigarh for Ensuring Compliance to Hon'ble NGT Order dated 24.07.2018 in the matter of OA No. 101/2014 (Sobha Singh Vs. State of Punjab & Ors), O.A No 344 of 2018 and 345 of 2018 (Discharge of Molasses in River Beas) and Original Application No. 206/2016 (Capt. Hans Raj Singha Vs. Union of India & Ors)

Seventh meeting of the Monitoring Committee constituted by Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principal Bench, New Delhi vide orders was held with the concerned departments on 08.01.2019 in 'the Committee Room of Punjab State Council for Science and Technology, Mahatma Gandhi Institute Chandigarh' to discuss and review the issues relating to action plan for restoration of Rivers Beas and Sutelj. Sh. J.Chandra Babu, Scientist 'D' Nodal Officer, CPCB requested Shri Balbir Singh Seechewal, Member, Punjab Pollution Control Board to chair the meeting. The list of officials who attended the meeting is annexed (**Annexure-I**).

Thereafter, the representatives of different departments/ organizations of Punjab State were requested to apprise about the action plans prepared for restoration of river Sutlej, issue relating to the discharge of molasses in river Beas. It was observed that different agencies responsible have prepared individual action plans in respect of their respective jurisdiction. Therefore, the Monitoring Committee directed that the action plans with timelines and financial estimates prepared by the concerned departments of Punjab State should be compiled by the PPCB and Member of Monitoring Committee representing from the local government and only after approval of the Punjab State

Government the action plans should be submitted to the Monitoring Committee by 15.01.2019 for filing before the Hon'ble NGT for consideration.

The Monitoring Committee also reviewed the issues relating to rejuvenation of the Rivers Beas proposed by Faculty of Punjab Agriculture University (PAU) Ludhiana, Faculty of Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU) Ludhiana, Fisheries Department and Forest Department/ Wildlife Department (WWF) were also discussed. The submissions made by the stakeholders is detailed below:-

- (1) The representatives of M/s Chadha Sugar and Industries Pvt. Ltd., Kiri Afghana, Gurdaspur submitted documents in compliance of the sixth meeting of the Monitoring Committee. They submitted proposals to avoid accidents in future. The steps taken by the proponent include construction of additional storage tank, provision of new cooling system for molasses improvements in storage tanks and provision of warning system in case of temperature rise. The industry also proposes to keep the molasses based distillery continuously operational in future.
- (2) Fisheries Department – Director Fisheries Department informed that fishing in River Beas from Talwara head works to Harike Wetlands had been banned by the Forest & Wildlife Department with effect from 17.05.2018. Committee requested Fisheries department to submit a status report based on the available information.
- (3) Forest Department (Wildlife Division) Punjab Government informed that they filed an FIR and challan under the Wildlife Protection Act against the sugar industry. They also submitted limited data with regard to the historical and present status of wildlife and aquatic species in river Beas.
- (4) Director of Factories sought more time to submit information to the Monitoring Committee.
- (5) PPCB informed that the PPCB Expert Committee in its meeting held on 22.11.2018 has allocated funds to PCCF Mohali, GADVASU Ludhiana, PAU Ludhiana for carrying out studies.

- (6) The committee also requested the Chairman PPCB to intervene in the matter of fund allocation to GADVASU, PAU and PCCF for completing the task as these institutes had raised this issue before the Monitoring Committee.

News appeared in the local newspaper with regard to the discharge of effluent by M/s. Chadha Sugar and Industries Pvt. Limited in to the adjacent drain was also discussed and PPCB was requested to examine the issue and to report to the Committee within two days.

Thereafter, the Monitoring Committee directed all the concerned institutes/ organizations and the PPCB and the other concerned State Departments to incorporate suggestions given in the earlier meetings and to submit the assessment reports by all the concerned departments to the Monitoring Committee by 15.01.2019 positively.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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ATTENDANCE SHEET

(VII Meeting of the Monitoring Committee held on 08-01-2019 at PSCST, Sector-26, Chandigarh for ensuring compliance to Hon'ble NGT Order dated 24-07-2018 in the matter of O.A. No. 101/2014 titled as Sobha Singh & Ors. Vs State of Punjab & Ors.)

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