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Directorate of Environment & Climate Change

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To

1. **The Administrative Secretary,**
Department of Local Government,
State of Punjab
2. **The Administrative Secretary,**
Department of Rural Development & Panchayat,
State of Punjab
3. **The Member Secretary,**
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Head Office, Patiala
4. **The Chief Executive Officer,**
Punjab Bio Technology Incubator
SAS Nagar


Letter No. DECC/2023/ 1002 - 1005

Dated: 21/06/2023

Subject: Minutes of the 3rd meeting of High-Powered Committee held on 14.06.2023 at 11:30 AM through VC regarding utilization of Environment Compensation Funds, in compliance of NGT order dated 21.10.2022 in M.A. No. 74/2022 in O.A. No. 976/2019 titled as Gurinder Singh & Ors Vs Union of India & Ors.

Please find enclosed herewith the minutes of the 3rd meeting of High-Powered Committee held on 14.06.2023 at 11:30 AM through VC for information and further necessary action please.

Encl/- As above



Director (DECC)

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1. OSD to Chief Secretary, Punjab for information of Chief Secretary, Punjab
2. Secretary, Department of Science, Technology & Environment for information please.


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Minutes of the 3rd meeting of High-Powered Committee held on 14.06.2023 at 11:30 AM through VC regarding utilization of Environmental Compensation Funds, in compliance of NGT order dated 21.10.2022 in M.A. No. 74/2022 in O.A. No. 976/2019 titled as Gurinder Singh & Ors Vs Union of India & Ors.

Following were present:

1. Sh. Rahul Tewari, IAS, Secretary, Science Technology & Environment (Convenor)
2. Dr. Manish Kumar, Director, DECC
3. Sh. GS Majithia, Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board
4. T.S. Multani, Superintending Engineer (representative of Administrative Secretary, Department of Rural Development & Panchayats)
5. Dr. Naresh Bhardwaj, Assistant Director, (representative of Administrative Secretary, Department of Local Govt.)
6. Sh. Daljeet Singh, Engineer in Chief, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, (representative of Administrative Secretary, Department of Local Govt.)
7. Dr. Ajit Dua, Chief Executive Officer, PBTI
8. Sh. Pardeep Garg, Additional Director, DECC
9. Sh. Harbir Singh, Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board

The first & second meetings of the High-Powered Committee constituted vide Notification No. 10/01/2023-STE2/03 dated 3.01.2023, in compliance of NGT order dated 21.10.2022 in O.A. no. 976 of 2019 titled as Gurinder Singh & Ors Vs Union of India & Ors, were held on 05.01.2023 and 24.05.2023 respectively. The status of progress of utilization of Environmental Compensation Funds and preparation of updated action plans were reviewed in the second meeting of the High-Powered Committee.

The 3rd meeting of the High-Powered Committee was held on 14.06.2023 at 11:30 AM through VC. The current status of progress of utilization of Environmental Compensation Funds and 3-year action plans prepared by DLG, DRDP and PPCB were reviewed as follows:

A. Progress of utilization of Environmental Compensation funds.

- (i) Sh. Naresh Bhardwaj, Assistant Director, Department of Local Govt apprised the Committee that DPR for setting up of Mechanized MRF Centre at MC, Jalandhar is under revision after incorporating relevant inputs from the concerned stakeholders and tender shall be floated by the end of this month.
- (ii) Dr. Ajit Dua, Chief Executive Officer, PBTI apprised the Committee that technical Committee comprising of members from NEERI Nagpur and CPCB has been constituted for finalization of specifications regarding the procurement of the equipment. The first meeting of the technical Committee will be held in the first week of July for finalization of specification of the Lab equipment followed by further action regarding procurement of equipments.

The Committee took note of the progress and asked the DLG & PBTI to intensify efforts to bring tangible progress before the next meeting.

B. Appraisal of the Action Plans:

- (i) Draft Action Plan submitted by DRDP vide Memo No. 858 dated 08.06.2023 was reviewed as under:
- a) Three-year action plan was perused and it was observed that no details pertaining to the villages wherein the pond rejuvenation is to be carried out are given. Further, no details of the tied and untied funds under the govt scheme are provided. The Committee asked the DRDP to prepare exhaustive long term action plan for three years delineated with details of villages wherein the pond rejuvenation is to be carried out and details of funds sought under the mandate of the High-Powered Committee, which has not been tied up under any other Govt. scheme.
 - b) Short term action plan was reviewed and it was observed that DRDP has proposed to spend Rs. 771.50 lakhs including Rs. 705.14 lakhs for liquid waste management in the 26 villages of District Barnala and Rs. 66.36 lakhs for solid waste management in the 9 villages of District Barnala. The representative of the DRDP apprised the Committee that the aforementioned proposed amount has not been tied up under any other Govt. scheme. After detailed deliberations, the Committee approved the short-term action plan for re-modeling and renovation of pond in the 26 villages of District Barnala amounting to Rs. 705.14 lakhs and proposal for solid waste management in the 9 villages of District Barnala amounting to Rs. 66.36 lakhs.
- (ii) Draft Action Plan submitted by PPCB vide letter No. 13427-28 dated 12.06.2023 was perused and it was observed that the Punjab Pollution Control Board has proposed to spend Rs. 30.29 Crore for the 7 No. of schemes within three years. The Committee perused all the components of action plan 7 schemes proposed by Punjab Pollution Control Board and after detailed deliberations, approved the component titled "setting up of control room/dashboard at headquarter, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala for monitoring of all CETPs and other online mechanism etc" for the proposed amount of Rs. 2 Crore for the Financial Year 2023-24.
- (iii) As no action plan was submitted by the Department of Local Govt., the Committee asked the DLG to submit the three-year action plan with details of activities, timelines and tied & untied funds under other Govt. schemes.
- (iv) The Committee further directed that all the wings of DSTE shall prepare three-year action plan with details of activities, timelines and funds required which has not been tied up under any other Govt. scheme.