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Please find enclosed the subject cited letter.

Regards,

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Following were present:

1. Sh. Rahul Tewari, IAS, Secretary, Science Technology & Environment (Convenor)
2. Dr. Manish Kumar, Director, DECC
3. T.S. Multani, Superintending Engineer (representative of Administrative Secretary, Department of Rural Development & Panchayats)
4. Dr. Naresh Bhardwaj, Assistant Director, (representative of Administrative Secretary, Department of Local Govt.)
5. Dr. Ajit Dua, Chief Executive Officer, PBTI
6. Sh. Pardeep Garg, Additional Director, DECC
7. Sh. Harinder Singh, Environmental Engineer, PPCB

The 4th meeting of the High-Powered Committee was held on 15.02.2024 to review the progress of utilization of Environmental Compensation Funds and preparation of 3 year action plans by DLG, DRDP and PPCB with details as under:

A. Progress of utilization of Environmental Compensation funds.

- (i) Assistant Director, DLG apprised the Committee that the work order for setting up of the MRF at Jalandhar has been issued and installation work of machinery is under progress which is likely to be completed within next 6 months.
- (ii) Superintending Engineer, Department of Rural Development & Panchayats apprised the Committee that out of Rs.7.715 Cr released for re-modeling and renovation of ponds in 26 villages of District Barnala amounting to Rs 705.14 lacs & for solid waste management in 9 villages of District Barnala amounting to Rs 66.36 lacs to the Department, total expenditure of Rs.1.12 Cr has been made till date and in this regard, the concerned department was asked to submit the Utilization Certificate of said amount and also expedite utilization of remaining amount in the time bound manner.
- (iii) Chief Executive Officer, PBTI apprised the Committee that out of 16 equipment, work order for purchase of one equipment has been placed & tender for the purchase of 14 equipments will be opened by 29.02.2024. It was asked to PBTI to ensure the completion of work and utilization of funds released at the earliest.
- (iv) Environmental Engineer, PPCB apprised the Committee that as on 31.01.2024, the total funds available with PPCB under the head of Environmental Compensation are Rs.10 41 Cr.

The Committee observed that the progress achieved by the various Departments was found to very slow. The Committee asked the Department to expenditure the progress to complete all the works in time bound manner. Further, the Committee decided that DECC shall take up the matter with PPCB to prepare clear & detailed status of activity wise Environmental

Compensation Funds available and released by PPCB prior and after the formation of the High Powered Committee along with utilization status of funds against each activity.

The Committee further decided that as no long term action plan was submitted by the Department of Local Govt., and Department of Rural Development & Panchayat, the Committee asked the DLG and DRDP to submit the three-year action plan with details of activities, timelines and tied & untied funds under other Govt. schemes.

The next meeting was also decided to be convened on 20.03.2024 at 12:45 Pm