

Government of Punjab
Department of Science, Technology & Environment
(S.T.E. Branch)

Notification

No.10/01/2023-STE2/03

Dated: 3.01.2023

The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) vide order dated 21.10.2022 in O.A No. 976/2019 titled as "Gurinder Singh Vs Union of India & Ors" directed "the State to prepare & execute the Updated Action Plan for the utilization of Environmental Compensation funds for restoration of Environment by devising appropriate mechanism. The recovered compensation be credited to separate account under Chief Secretary and used as per said plans only. This will apply to compensation deposited with the State PCBs/PCCs and other and also other regulators such as SEIAAs, Water Resource Authorities etc. The utilization plans may be in sync with State/District Environment Plans, in pursuance of order of this Tribunal dated 26.09.2019 in O.A. No. 360/2018, Shree Nath Sharma Vs Union of India & Ors. The process of planning & execution for utilization of such funds may be preferably entrusted to a High-Powered Committee of three Additional Chief Secretaries, identified by the Chief Secretary within one month. Such plans & progress in execution may be placed on websites of the States/UTs after every six months. A part of funds be provided for environment awareness through Eco clubs in all schools and colleges up to grass route level in the State through the Education Department. States/UTs may also co-ordinate with Legal Services Authorities, if viable".

2. In compliance of above said NGT order, the following High-Powered Committee is hereby constituted:

- i. Administrative Secretary, Department of Rural Development & Panchayats
- ii. Administrative Secretary, Department of Local Government
- iii. Administrative Secretary, Department of Science Technology & Environment (Convenor)

3. The above said High-Powered Committee shall ensure the compliance of above said NGT order and put up the proceedings of the meeting of the Committee to the Chief Secretary, Punjab from time to time.

4. Punjab Pollution Control Board shall open a separate account for keeping the funds received under the head "Environmental Compensation" and the said account shall be operated on behalf of Chief Secretary, Punjab as per the directions of the High-Powered Committee for the utilization of Environmental Compensation Funds.

5. This issues with the approval of Chief Secretary, Punjab.

Place: Chandigarh

Dated: 2.01.2023


Rahul Tewari, IAS
Secretary to Govt. of Punjab
Department of Science Technology & Environment

Endst No. 10/01/2023-STE2/04-05

Dated: 3.01.2023

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for their information please:

1. The OSD to Chief Secretary, Punjab.
2. The OSD Legal to Chief Secretary, Punjab.

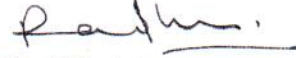

Manjeet Singh Randhawa
Superintendent

Endst No. 10/01/2023-STE2/06-11

Dated: 3.01.2023

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for their information and necessary action please:

1. Administrative Secretary, Department of Rural Development & Panchayats.
2. Administrative Secretary, Department of Local Government.
3. Administrative Secretary, Department of Science Technology & Environment.
4. Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board.
5. Director, Directorate of Environment & Climate Change.
6. Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board.



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