

Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab on 22/10/2012 at 11.00 a.m. regarding cleaning of Budha Nallah in the matter of CWP No. 7036 of 2005-Nirbhai Singh V/s State of Punjab.

The following were present:

1. Sh. Suresh Kumar, IAS,
Principal Secretary to Local Government.
2. Sh. C. Roul, IAS,
Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Science, Technology and Environment.
3. Sh. Rakesh Verma, IAS,
Commissioner,
Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana.
4. Sh. Anurag Verma, IAS,
Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Department of Industries & Commerce.
5. Sh. Rahul Tewari, IAS,
Deputy Commissioner,
Ludhiana.
6. Smt. Bhawna Garg, IAS,
Special Secretary to Govt. of Punjab,
Deptt. Of Science, Technology, Environment.
7. Sh. Ravinder Singh, PCS,
Chairman,
Punjab Pollution Control Board.
8. Sh. M.S. Gujral, IFS,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
9. Sh. Vinod Chaudhary,
Chief Engineer(Drainage),
Department of Irrigation.
10. Sh. Sat Pal Augurala,
Managing Director,
Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board.
11. Dr. Babu Ram,
Member Secretary,
Punjab Pollution Control Board.
12. Sh. Krunesh Garg,
Senior Environmental Engineer,
Punjab Pollution Control Board.

13. Sh. S.P. Singh Longia,
OSD, Director of Industries & Commerce.
14. Sh. S.S. Saini,
Executive Engineer,
Department of Irrigation, Punjab.

The Principal Secretary, Department of Science, Technology and Environment apprised that CWP No.7736 of 2005 and others allied CWPs regarding cleaning of Budha Nallah were disposed off by the Honble Punjab and Haryana High Court on 14/11/2011 with directions to the State Government to monitor the progress of various departments regarding different activities to be carried out by them regarding cleaning of Budha Nallah periodically and publish the action taken report quarterly.

The Chief Secretary, Punjab observed that there is need to monitor the project regarding cleaning of Budha Nallah on monthly basis by the District Authorities and report to be submitted accordingly.

Thereafter, the department-wise progress was discussed as under:-

1. Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board

It was informed that three STPs at Jamalpur (48 MLD), Bhattian (111 MLD) and Balloke (257 MLD) are operating. Upgradation of Bhattian STP by 50 MLD has been completed and the upgraded module is under stabilization. In order to improve upon the efficacy of STPs and to achieve standards with respect to BOD and F.Coli, the matter has been taken up with experts of IIT, Roorkee. Feasibility of upgradation of UASB technology to SBR technology is being explored to improve the efficacy of STPs.

It was decided that Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board shall take a effective steps to operate the STPs efficiently so as to achieve the parameters F.Coli and BOD within the standards prescribed. Funds may be arranged for the completion of the remaining work of laying of sewer lines under JNNURM scheme.

2. Department of Local Government, Punjab.

It was informed that Government of India has given one time assistance of Rs. 50 crores in the year 2009-10 under Additional Assitance Scheme for cleaning of Budha Nallah. The grant was released to department of Local Government and further distributed to the concerned department as

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mentioned in agenda. It was decided that the department of Local Government will provide the details of the grant of Rs. 50 crores released by Government of India for cleaning of Budha Nallah and their utilization thereof under the various heads.

3. Department of Industries & Commerce, Punjab.

It was informed that the proposal for installation of 117 MLD CETP for dyeing industries at Tajpur Road is struck up due to the high capital cost (Rs. 437 crores) and dilly delaying at the part of the SPV. It was observed that the industry shall come forward to arrange financial tie up and their contribution to further the cause of installation of CETP on the polluter pays principle. It was decided that Secretary, Department of Industries & Commerce shall examine the possibility of long term financial funding of the project on the user charges principle in tandem with the Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana and Punjab Pollution Control Board. It was also decided that a project for CETP may be sent to National River Conservation Directorate for exploring the funding by the Govt. of India under any scheme of CETP. The possibility of supply of raw water by the Municipal Committee to the industrial units may also be looked into.

The operating parameters of the CETP for small scale electroplating industries installed at Ludhiana were reviewed and found to be satisfactory.

4. Department of Soil & Water Conservation.

No one from the department was present in the meeting. It was decided that department shall submit the progress report to be Nodal Department, PPCB immediately.

5. Department of Irrigation.

Chief Engineer, Drainage informed that an amount of Rs. 48.56 lacs released by Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana for cleaning of Budha Nallah has been spent and utilization certificate has been submitted. It was further discussed that all the components of cleaning of Budha Nallah are interfacing with the Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana within the municipal limits. Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana is providing the funds to Drainage Department for cleaning / desilting of Budha Nallah. In order to improve the

system, it was decided that the reach of Budha Nallah within municipal limits shall be transferred by the Drainage Department to Municipal Corporation for maintenance purposes through notification.

6. Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana

Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Ludhiana informed that 9 out of 11 disposal outlets operating and discharging into Budha Nallah have been plugged by the Municipal Corporation and only 2 disposal points i.e. Tibba Road and Transport Nagar are still to be plugged. Tibba Road disposal is being handled by National Highway Authority of India and likely to be plugged within three months. In order to plug the disposal of Transport Nagar, cleaning of choked sewer network is being carried out and likely to be completed in 4-5 months. The project estimate for balance work for strengthening of Budha Nallah has been sanctioned by Chief Engineer and tenders are yet to be called.

Regarding shifting of dairies, Director Rural and Panchayats has asked the District Administration to provide the market rate of 2012 for the land identified for the purpose at village Gaurian Kadar Baksh. It was decided that Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana shall take up the matter with Director, Rural Development and Panchayat for early completion of the project.

Regarding municipal solid waste removal from the bank of Budha Nallah, it was informed that A2Z Company has started lifting the municipal solid waste from 372 secondary collection points and about 1000 tonnes of municipal solid waste has been shifted. The door to door collection of garbage is being transferred to A2Z Company gradually wardwise. It was decided that Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana will deploy its work force for cleaning the banks of Budha Nallah alongwith special emphasis on removal of MSW lying under / nearby various bridges crossing Budha Nallah.

7. Department of Forests

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests informed that the plantation was carried out in the year 2010-11 along the banks of Budha Nallah and periodical maintenance is being carried out. It was decided that department will continue to plant trees along Budha Nallah after identifying the vacant spaces.

8. Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana

It was informed that Tajpur, Khasi Kalan, Bhukri Kalan, Dhanansu, Baranhara and Talwara have their own village ponds and no discharge of sullage water takes place into Budha Nallah except in rainy days. It was decided that Municipal Corporation will lay sewer line for village Partap Singhwala and Tajpur Bet so as to connect to their sewerage system. For diversion of sullage of village Gaunspura, the department of Rural Development and Panchayat will undertake the upgradation the village pond. Director Rural Development and Panchayat shall provide funds for village Mallewal for diversion of sullage.

9. Punjab Pollution Control Board

The progress report of PPCB regarding surveillance and monitoring of industries, awareness generation, monitoring of Budha Nallah and upgradation of ETPs/ APCDs of industries, electroplating CFTP operations, shifting of hazardous waste from Ludhiana was reviewed and found to be satisfactory. PPCB was directed to continue the activities so as to have better pollution control system. Regarding installation of green bridges installation in Budha Nallah, it shall be monitored on monthly basis so as to complete its installation by 31/3/2013.
