### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTING COMMITTEE

Constituted by the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in Original Application no.138 and 139 of 2016 and OA No.606 of 2018

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To

The Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.

No. CEC/2020/1125 Dated: 20.11.2020

Subject:

Minutes of the review meeting to review the action taken by the various departments of State of Punjab on the directions given/recommendations made by the Executing Committee during its 18th meeting held on 19.8.2020 with State Level Officers w.r.t control of pollution in river Ghaggar to be held under the Chairmanship of Justice Pritam Pal, Former Judge of Punjab and Haryana High Court and now as Chairman of the Executing Committee (constituted by Hon'ble NGT in OA No. 138/139 of 2016 in the matter of Stench Grips Mansa's Sacred Ghaggar River and Yogendera Kumar) on 19.11.2020 at 11.00 AM (through video conferencing)

Please find enclosed herewith minutes of the review meeting to review the action taken by the various departments of State of Punjab on the directions given/recommendations made by the Executing Committee during its 18th meeting held on 19.8.2020 with State Level Officers w.r.t control of pollution in river Ghaggar to be held under the Chairmanship of Justice Pritam Pal, Former Judge of Punjab and Haryana High Court and now as Chairman of the Executing Committee (constituted by Hon'ble NGT in OA No. 138/139 of 2016 in the matter of Stench Grips Mansa's Sacred Ghaggar River and Yogendera Kumar) on 19.11.2020 at 11.00 AM (through video conferencing)

It is requested that these minutes may be conveyed under your signatures to all the concerned officers of the State Government to take necessary action on the directions given by the Chairman of the Executing Committee during the meeting and action taken report be submitted to the Committee within 21 days.

DA/As above.

(Dr. Babu Ram)
Technical Expert,
Executing Committee

Dated: 20.11.2020

Endst. No. CEC/2020/ 1126

A copy of the above is forwarded to the Chairman, Monitoring Committee, constituted by Hon'ble NGT in OA No. 916 of 2018 in the matter of Sobha Singh vs. State of Punjab for information please.

DA/As above.

(Dr. Babu Ram) Technical Expert,
Executing Committee

Endst. No. CEC/2020/ 1127

Dated: 20.11.2020

A copy of the above is forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board, Chandigarh for information and necessary action please.

DA/As above.

(Dr. Babu Ram)20.11-2020 Technical Expert, Executing Committee Minutes of review meeting (to review the directions given/recommendations made in 18<sup>th</sup> meeting held with State Level Officers of State of Punjab on 19.8.2020) held under the Chairmanship of Justice Pritam Pal, Former Judge of Punjab and Haryana High Court and now as Chairman of the Executing Committee, constituted by Hon'ble NGT in OA No. 138/139 of 2016 in the matter of Stench Grips Mansa's Sacred Ghaggar River and Yogendera Kumar, w.r.t. control of pollution in river Ghaggar on 19.11.2020 at 11.00 AM (through video conference)

The following were present during meeting.

### a) Members of the Executing Committee

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Sr. No.	Name and Designation in the Deptt.	Name & Designation in the Committee
1.	Justice Pritam Pal, Former Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court	Chairman
2.	Ms. Urvashi Gulati, IAS, former Chief Secretary, Haryana	Member
3.	Dr. Babu Ram, former Member Secretary, PPCB	Technical Expert

### The list of the officers, present in the meetings, are as per Annexure-1

The officers of various departments, present in the meeting, were apprised about the orders of Hon'ble NGT in various cases connected to the matter by the Chairman of the Executing Committee, which are briefly mentioned as under.

- The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal vide order dated 10.01.2020 in OA No.606 of 2018 in the matter of compliance of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 in Para No.36 has directed that most of the statutory timelines have expired and directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Tribunal to comply Solid Waste Management rules, 2016 remain unexecuted and accordingly, compensation scale is laid down for continued failure after 31.03.2020. The compliance of the rules requires taking of several steps mentioned in Rule 22 (S. No.1 to 10). Any such continued failure will result into liability of every Local Body to pay compensation at the rate of Rs. 10 lakh per month per Local Body for population of above 10 lakh, Rs. 5 Lakh per month per Local Body for population between 5 lakh and 10 lakh and Rs. 1 lakh per other Local Bodies from 1.04.2020 till compliance. If the Local Body is unable to bear financial burden, the liability will of the State Govt. with liberty to take remedial action against erring Local bodies. Apart from compensation, adverse entries must be made in the ACRs of the CEO of the said Local Bodies and other senior functionaries in Department of Urban Development etc. who are responsible for compliance of order of this Tribunal. The Hon'ble Tribunal has also directed in para No 31 (ii) that the date of commencement of setting up of STPs is 31.3.2020, failing which compensation amounting to Rs 5 lakh/month/STP by the concerned local bodies/States in terms of order dated 28.8.2019 in OA No. 593/2017 and 6.12.2019 in OA No. 673/2018 w.e.f 1.4.2020 shall be imposed.
- 2) The Hon'ble Tribunal in its order dated 6.12.2019 in OA No. 673 of 2018 (mentioned in order dated 6.12.2019 uploaded on 12.12.2019 in OA No. 916 of 2018) had issued

direction that 100% treatment of sewage may be ensured as directed by the Tribunal vide order dated 28.08.2019 in O.A No. 593/2017 by 31.03.2020 at least to the extent of in-situ remediation and before the said date, commencement of setting up of STPs and the work of connecting all the drains and other sources of generation of sewage to the STPs must be ensured. If this is not done, the local bodies and the concerned departments of States/UT's will be liable to pay compensation as directed vide order dated 22.08.2019 in case of river Ganga i.e. Rs. 5 lakh per month per drain for default in in-situ remediation and Rs. 5 lakh per STP for default in commencement of setting up of the STP. The timeline for completing all steps of action plans including completion of setting up STPs and there commissioning till 31.03.2021 in terms of order dated 08.04.2019 in the present case will remain as already directed.

- 3) It was further informed that the Hon'ble Tribunal vide its order dated 21.05.2020 in O.A No. 593 of 2017 at Para 8 [47(i) &ii)] has directed as under:
  - i) 100% treatment of sewage may be ensured as directed by this Tribunal vide order dated 28.08.2019 in O.A. No. 593/2017 by 31.03.2020 at least to the extent of in-situ remediation and before the said date, commencement of setting up of STPs and the work of connecting all the drains and other sources of generation of sewage to the STPs must be ensured. If this is not done, the local bodies and the concerned departments of the States/UTs will be liable to pay compensation as already directed vide order dated 22.08.2019 in the case of river Ganga i.e. Rs. 5 lakhs per month per drain, for default in in-situ remediation and Rs. 5 lakhs per STP for default in commencement of setting up of the STP
  - ii) Timeline for completing all steps of action plans including completion of setting up STPs and their commissioning till 31.03.2021 in terms of order dated 08.04.2019 in the present case will remain as already directed. In default, compensation will be liable to be paid at the scale laid down in the order of this Tribunal dated 22.08.2019 in the case of river Ganga i.e. Rs. 10 lakhs per month per STP.

Further, in para 13 of order dated 21.05.2020 in OA No. 593 of 2017 has directed that as regards non-compliant STPs, further action may be completed by the State PCBs/PCCs and it may be ensured that there is 100% treatment of sewage and till STPs are set up, at least in-situ remediation takes place. However, on account of Corona pandemic which has affected several on-going activities, the timeline of levy of compensation in terms of order dated 28.08.2019 in O.A. No. 593/2017 read with order dated 06.12.2019 in O.A. No. 673/2018, of 01.04.2020 may be read as 01.07.2020 and 01.04.2021 may be read as 01.07.2021. Further reports may be taken by the CPCB from all the State PCBs/PCCs as per the system evolved by the CPCB from time to time.

4) The Hon'ble Tribunal vide its order dated 1.6.2020 in OA No. 325 of 2015 in the matter of Lt. Col. Sarvadaman Singh Oberoi vs Union of India & Ors, has directed in para No.6 that harvesting surplus water during excessive rains from any areas of catchment needs to be optimized by enhancing the capacity of the existing ponds/water bodies, creation of water harvesting structures in the sub-watersheds to the extent possible, apart from

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setting up of additional water bodies/water harvesting structures wherever viable, utilizing available funds including under MGNREGA and involving the community at large at every level. Gram Panchayats can certainly play a significant role in the matter. Once adequate capacity enhancement of water bodies takes place, excess flood/rain water can be channelized by using appropriate water harvesting techniques. This action needs to be coordinated by the District Magistrates in coordination with the Department of Irrigation and Flood Control or other concerned Departments such as Department of Rural Development/Urban Development/Local Bodies/Forests/Revenue etc. The District Magistrate may as far as possible hold a meeting of all the stakeholders for the purpose as per the District Environment Plan or Watershed Plan within one month from today. The District Magistrates may also ensure that as far as possible at least one pond/water body must be restored in every village, apart from creation of any new pond/water body.

- 5) The State of Punjab has moved an application before Hon'ble National Green Tribunal for extension in timelines for remediation of legacy waste and for Commissioning of STPs. However, the Hon'ble Tribunal vide its order 17.9.2020 has rejected the prayer for extension in time.
- The National Green Tribunal in its order dated 28.10.2020 in OA No 138 of 2016 and 139 of 2016 in the matter of Stench Grips Mansa's Sacred Ghaggar River and Yogendera Kumar has passed the detailed order and has given coercive directions and para no. 12 of the said directions is reproduced as under:

#### Para 12

1. We Accordingly direct the Chief Secretaries of the Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and UT Chandigarh must meet (physically or online) within one month for brainstorming with reference to the recommendations of the Executing Committee for meaningful prompt action and fixing of the accountability for the erring officers. Such meeting may be convened and facilitated as per further direction in this order. Remedial action should not only include setting up of requisite equipment and interim measures but also making persons to whom the job is entrusted personally accountable in terms of their performance. After first meeting also, the four Chief Secretaries must meet atleast once in a month to take stock of the situation. First such meeting may be held on or before 30.11.2020 and meaningful action must be taken latest by 31.01.2021. In case of default, the Tribunal may have no option except to take coercive measures against the erring authorities.

Thereafter agenda of the meeting was taken up for discussion as under.

#### 1. Water quality of river Ghaggar

In the last meeting, it was directed by the Executing Committee that PPCB shall carry out monitoring of point sources falling into river Ghaggar within 15 days. The responsible agencies contributing high values of BOD may also be identified and these agencies be directed to take time bound action to bring down the values of organic parameters within the norms. The responsible agencies for contributing high levels of parameters at Jharmal Nadi and Sardulgarh may also be identified and action may be taken as per the provisions of Water Act, 1974.



Now, it has been apprised that water quality of river Ghaggar has been monitored in the year 2019 and 2020 and data has been compared for the period August to October, 2019 and August to October, 2020 and it indicates that there is no improvement in the water quality of river Ghaggar except 2 locations where also insignificant improvement has been observed w.r.t. BOD and T.Coli parameters. Further, the river water quality indicates that its quality varies between D to E as per the Water Quality Criteria prescribed by CPCB.

PPCB also informed that due to low discharge in river Ghaggar during the months September and October of the years 2019 and 2020 as compared to the discharge measured in the month August, 2019-2020, dilution in river Ghaggar is less and hence the values of the contaminants have been increased in river Ghaggar.

PPCB has also carried out the water quality monitoring of major drains and river Ghaggar at the upstream and downstream of the confluence points of major drains and in these major drains, all the parameters have been found much higher and there is deterioration in the water quality of the drains and ultimately these have deteriorated the water quality of river Ghaggar.

The Executing Committee observed that there is need to carry out the detailed monitoring of point sources falling into river Ghaggar and the responsible agencies contributing high values of parameters are is to be identified so that these agencies be directed to take time bound action to bring down the values of the various parameters within the norms.

PPCB reported that monitoring of point sources, falling into river Ghaggar, has been completed and the report is under preparation and most likely, the report shall be ready within 15 days.

The Chairman of the Executing Committee directed that next meeting of the Executing Committee shall be held on 24.12.2020, wherein, Punjab Pollution Control Board shall present the report in detail. PPCB shall also call the concerned departments to attend the meeting. Copy of the report may be sent to the Executing Committee atleast 10 days before the date of meeting.

# 2. Status of laying of sewerage network in the towns and interception of sewage

It was reported in the last meeting that more than 50% sewerage system has been laid in all the 30 towns except Bassi Pathana (42%), Bhadson (0%), Boha (0%), Lalru (23%) and Sanaur (0%) and accordingly it was directed that sewerage system in all the towns shall be completed simultaneously along with the completion of STPs by 31.3.2021.

PWSSB apprised that out of total 30 towns, sewerage network more than 75% has been completed in 18 towns, 50- 75 % in case of 6 towns, 25–50% in case of 2 towns and less than 25% in case of 4 towns located in the catchment area of river Ghaggar.

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The Executing Committee noted the compliance and directed that sewerage network in all the towns shall be completed simultaneously along with the completion of STPs by 31.3.2021.

### 3. Performance of Existing STPs

PPCB reported that monitoring of 21 existing STPs has been carried out in the month September, 2020 and October, 2020. The monitoring of STPs conducted in the month of October, 2020 indicates that 17 STPs were found complying, whereas 4 STPs were found non complying and action against the operating agencies of these STPs has been taken by way of imposing environmental compensation and filing of legal case under the provisions of Water Act, 1974. PWSSB informed that out of 4 STPs for the towns Bareta, Sardoolgarh, Bhikhi and Budhladha, 3 STPs (Bareta, Sardoolgarh and Bhikhi) are meeting with the prescribed norms and there is need to conduct composite sampling of these

After detailed discussion, the Chairman of the Executing Committee directed as under:

STPs. For STP of Budhlada town, efforts are being made to improve the performance of STP and is expected that its performance shall be improved

- Punjab Pollution Control Board shall continue to monitor all the existing STPs on monthly basis and action against the responsible agencies for not operating the STPs effectively may be taken under the provisions of the Water Act, 1974.
- ii) PPCB and PWSSB shall jointly conduct composite sampling of STPs namely Bareta, Sardoolgarh and Bhikhi within 15 days.
- iii) PWSSB improve the performance of STP of Budhladha town before 31.3.2021 so as to meet with the prescribed norms.

#### 4. STP under construction

before 31.3.2021.

In the last meeting, Executing Committee was informed that 10 STPs of capacity 42.5 MLD are under construction but the percentage of work done was very low (0-27%) except Boha town where 52% of construction work has been completed.

Now, it has been reported that the progress w.r.t. construction of STPs has been increased and these STPs shall be completed as per the timelines mentioned in the report.

The Chairman of the Executing Committee emphasised that Hon'ble NGT has rejected the application made by State of Punjab for extension in time period beyond 31.3.2021 for completion of STPs and directed that the Executing Agencies of STPs shall complete all the 10 STPs by 31.3.2021.

### 5. STPs under planning

PWSSB reported that out of total 12 STPs for 8 towns, which are under planning, 08 STPs are at tendering stage, 03 are at DNIT stage and for 01 STP is at DPR stage. For STPs of smaller capacity, nono-bubble technology has been proposed

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and the department is quite hopeful that with the installation of said technology, the prescribed standards for parameters shall be achieved.

After discussion on the issue, it was directed that PWSSB shall compete 12 STPs of capacity 34 MLD for 08 towns by 30.3.2021 and shall achieve the prescribed standards for the parameters.

### 6. Status of STPs where land issues are to resolved

It was informed that there are 05 STPs where land issues are yet to be resolved for installation of STPs. The Deputy Commissioners of the concerned Districts have decided to acquire the land under Compulsory Acquisition Act. In one case of the town (Amloh), approval has been received from the Department of Local Government to make payment to purchase of land required for installation of STP. In case of land for STP for another town (Lalru Mandi), the residents of the area has filed case in the Hon'ble Court and next date of hearing in the case is 2.2.2021. However, the Department is in the process of exploring the feasibility of acquiring another piece of land for STP.

After detailed discussion, the Chairman of the Executing Committee directed that land issues of 5 STPs of capacity 21.7 MLD may be resolved within 2 months and STPs shall be completed by 30.3.2021.

### 7. Status of STPs require technological up gradation and capacity enhancement

It was reported that 03 STPs based on old technology (WSP) have been proposed to be upgraded for which presently no funds have been tied up. However, the department is exploring the various options like installation of Nano Bubble technologies, Solar Aeration System, Extended Aeration in the system or any other option and the STPs shall be upgraded by 31.03.2021.

The capacity enhancement of STP for Patiala town from 46 MLD to 61 MLD, whose work has been completed to 78%, shall be completed by 31.01.2021.

After detailed discussion, the Chairman of the Executing Committee directed as under:

- PWSSB shall upgrade 3 existing STPs for the towns Bareta, Bhikhi and Sardulgarh by 31.03.2021 and shall ensure that these STPs shall meet with the prescribed standards.
- 2) PWSSB shall complete the enhancement work of STP Patiala from 46 MLD to 61 MLD by 31.01.2021.
- 3) PPCB shall issue necessary directions to MES authorities to complete 6 MLD STP for Patiala and 1 MLD STP for Nabha by 31.03.2021.

### 8. Gap in treatment of sewage

It was submitted that wastewater generation and capacity of STPs installed for 30 towns have been assessed and gap of 66.47 MLD has been observed, which is to be treated by providing STPs in different towns in a time bound manner.

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The Chairman of the Executing Committee directed that treatment of sewage to cover the gap shall be completed by 30.03.2021 and PWSSB or any other Executing Agency shall ensure that after 31.03.2021 there shall be no gap in sewage to be treated.

9. Status of ETP, inspection, performance of ETPs and action against the violating industries

Punjab Pollution Control Board reported that that 48 industries exist in catchment area of river Ghaggar, out of which 27 industries were visited and all 3 industries were found violating the norms and action under the provisions of Water Act, 1974 has been taken against these 3 industries.

After detailed discussion, it was directed that PPCB shall continue to make surprise inspection of the industries located in the catchment area of river Ghaggar and action against the violating industries may be taken under the provisions of the Water Act, 1974.

10. Status of irrigation schemes to utilize the treated sewage of STPs

The department of Soil and Water Conservation reported as under.

- In order to utilize the treated sewage for irrigation, 10 irrigation schemes have been commissioned.
- Irrigation schemes for 24 towns have been prepared but the funds have not been tied up.
- In case of 4 towns, irrigation schemes are not feasible.
- To utilize the treated sewage of STP of capacity 7 MLD for Rajpura town, irrigation schemes is under progress and shall be completed by 31.12.2020.
- For utilization of treated sewage of STPs of 4 towns namely Mandi Gobindgarh, Patiala, Dhuri, and Sangrur, funds have been tied up under RIDF-25 scheme, out of which, funds for installation of irrigation scheme to utilize treated sewage of 25 MLD STP of Mandi Gobindgarh amounting to Rs. 4.46 crores have been released.
- The Department has prepared its proposal under State Plan Scheme for utilization of wastewater of other STPs with an outlay of Rs.479 crores and the same has been sent to Government for approval.

After detailed discussion, the Executing Committee directed as under:

- 1) The Chief Secretary, Punjab shall direct the concerned Department to arrange funds to lay irrigation network to utilize the treated sewage of 24 towns for irrigation.
- 2) Irrigation scheme to utilize 7 MLD treated sewage of Rajpura town shall be completed 31.12.2020.
- 3) The Department of Soil Conservation shall start installation of irrigation scheme to utilized treated sewage of 25 MLD capacity STP of Mandi Gobindgarh by 15.12.2020 and commission the same by 31.3.2021.

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4) For release of funds for laying of irrigation network to utilize the treated sewage of STPs of Patiala: 10 MLD, Dhuri: 5 MLD and Sangrur: 11 MLD, the Department of Soil and Water Conservation shall take up the matter with the Department of Finance through its Administrative Secretary.

### 11 Status of installation of STPs for the villages

It was informed that out of total 389 villages, 87 villages have been covered under phase-1 for treatment of sewage of the villages. Out of these 87 villages, STPs have been completed in 29 villages and in 43 villages, the work of STPs is under progress. For the construction of STPs for the remaining 317 villages, funds are being arranged for installation of STPs.

After detailed discussion, it was directed as under:

- i) STPs for 43 villages, out of 87 villages shall be completed by 31 12 2020
- ii) STPs for the remaining 317 villages shall be completed by 31.03.2021.

### 12 Ground water quality in the vicinity of river Ghaggar

PPCB reported that Ground Water Quality of 26 ground water sources has been analyzed and it has observed that inorganic parameters like TDS, total hardness, total alkalinity, calcium and magnesium have been found beyond acceptable limits but within the permissible limits in most of the ground water samples. However, in 3 ground water sources, parameters namely iron, total alkalinity and TDS have been found beyond the permissible limits.

After detail discussion on the issue, the Chairman of the Executing Committee directed as under:

- PPCB shall continue to carry out monitoring of ground water sources located in the catchment of river Ghaggar as per the frequency decided by the Hon'ble NGT.
- ii) PPCB shall seal 3 ground water sources, where the parameter iron, total alkalinity and TDS have been found higher than the permissible limits within 1 month and display board mentioning that "Water is not for drinking" may be erected at these locations.

### 13 Maintaining Environment Flow and Water Shed Management.

It was informed that the meeting of the team constituted by Executing Committee in its meeting held on 16.9.2020 was held on 12.10.2020 and field visit was conducted on 14.10.2020 and the team is in the process of preparing its report.

After detailed discussion on the issue, it was decided that the team, constituted for conducting detailed survey along river Ghaggar for the preparation of proposal/plan for construction of storage ponds/basin/reservoir/water retaining structures along river Ghaggar

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or any other mechanism to maintain environment flow and eco system in the river, shall submit its report within 15 days.

### 14 Management of Septage and Faecal Sludge

It was informed that the draft guidelines/policy framed by the Technical Committee for providing various technological options for treatment of wastewater in rural areas shall be provided within 3 days to the Executing Committee for further action.

After discussion on the issue, it was directed that PPCB shall supply the copy of the draft guidelines/policy framed by the Technical Committee within 3 days and the Committee constituted by the State Government shall submit its findings w.r.t. treatment of septage and faecal sludge to the Executing Committee within 2 months.

## 15 In-Situ Bioremediation in the drains carrying untreated sewage and not connected to STPs

PPCB informed as under.

- i. PWSSB has installed in-situ remediation technologies consisting of Facultative Pond followed by constructed wetland system along with plantation in Sirhind Choe to treat 0.5 MLD sewage of Nagar Panchayat Bhadson.
- ii. PPCB has installed in-situ remediation technologies in Bhulana Drain carrying waste water of 27 colonies near village Riwal. This technology consisting of 3 green bridges, Nano Bubble Aeration system, 2 Stage cascade aeration system and Phytoremediation. The analysis data of the in-situ remediation technology carried out by PPCB in the month of June and July indicated that there is reduction of BOD in the range of 12%-65%.
- iii. PPCB shall again carry out the analysis of effluent samples at the inlet and outlet of the in-situ remediation technology set up in Bhulana Drain in the month of December, 2020 to assess its effectiveness.

After detailed discussion, it was decided as under:

The Executing Committee shall visit in-situ remediation technology set up in Sirhind Choe, micro forest area developed along Budha Nallah in Ludhiana and Real Time Water Quality Monitoring System installed in river Sutlej at Ludhiana on 27.11.2020 and the concerned officers of PPCB, PWSSB and any other concerned departments shall accompany the Executing Committee on the day of visit. Chief Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Ludhiana shall coordinate the matter.

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### 16. Installation of real time water quality monitoring stations (RTWQMS) in river Ghaggar

PPCB reported as under.

- There is proposal to install 4 Real time Water Quality Monitoring Stations (RTWQMS) in river Ghaggar at the following locations.
  - √ Bhankarpur near Derabassi
  - ✓ Downstream Patiala nadi
  - ✓ Downstream Sagarpara drain
  - ✓ Sardulgarh
- Supply order has been placed to M/s Nevco Engineers for installation of RTWQMS.
- These RTWQMS shall be installed by 30.11.2020.

The Executing Committee appreciated the efforts made by Punjab Pollution Control Board to install RTWQMS in river Ghaggar and directed that these RTWQMS shall be ensured to be installed by 30.11.2020 and their analysis results may be displayed on PPCB and CPCB websites.

### 17. Status of Prosecution launched by PPCB

It was informed that in 3 Districts namely Patiala, SAS Nagar and Mansa, located in the catchment area of river Ghaggar, 125 cases have been filed in the various Courts, out of which 1 case is pending before Hon'ble High Court.

All other cases are pending in the various Hon'ble courts of the Districts.

After detailed discussion on the issue, the Chairman of the Executing Committee directed that PPCB through the Department of Science Technology & Environment, State of Punjab shall move the application before the Registrar of Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court to constitute Special Environment Court in the State of Punjab or alternatively special Court may be designated for early and speedy decisions of the Court cases filed under the various Environment Acts

sd/ **Dr. Babu Ram**  sd/ **Ms. Urvashi Gulati**  sd/
Justice Pritam Pal
Former Judge,
Punjab & Haryana High Court
now as Chairman of
Executing Committee

Note: The Chairman and members of the Executing Committee have given their concurrence on the minutes of the meeting

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