

**Minutes of proceeding of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Monitoring Committee constituted vide orders dated 08.08.2018 of Hon'ble the National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi, held on 15.09.2018 at the Directorate of Environment, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.**

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1. Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.U. Khan, Former Judge, High Court of Judicature at Allahabad.....Chairman
2. Sri J Chandra Babu, Senior Scientist, CPCB.....Member
3. Sri Sushil Kumar, Scientist 'C', MoEF &CC.....Member

**Partaker :**

1. Sri Manoj Singh, IAS, Principal Secretary, Urban Development, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.
2. Smt. Kalpana Awasthi, IAS, Principal Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Lucknow.
3. Sri Ashish Tiwari, Member-Secretary, UPPCB.
4. Sri Rishirendra Kumar, District Magistrate, Baghpat.
5. Mrs. Archana Verma, Chief Dev. Officer, Muzaffarnagar.
6. Sri Anand Kumar, Additional District Magistrate, (FR) Meerut.
7. Sri S.P.Sahu, Special Secretary, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.
8. Sri Umesh Chandra, Deputy Secretary, Irrigation, UP.
9. Dr. Madhu Saxena, Director, Health, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.
10. Sri Ajaya Rastogi, Chief Engineer, U.P. Jal Nigam, Lucknow.
11. Sri G.S.Srivastava, Chief Engineer, U.P. Jal Nigam, Ghaziabad.
12. Sri H.N.Singh, Superintending Engineer, Irrigation (Drainage) Ghaziabad.
13. Sri Bharat Bhushan, Executive Engineer, 1<sup>st</sup> Construction Division, U.P. Jal Nigam, Ghaziabad.
14. Sri Sita Ram, Executive Engineer, Div-1, U.P. Jal Nigam, Meerut.
15. Sri Sanjay Kumar Gautam, Executive Engineer, U.P. Jal Nigam, Baghpat.
16. Dr. A.B. Akolkar, Former Member Secretary, CPCB.
17. Dr. C.V.Singh
18. Sri R.K.Tyagi, Regional Officer, UPPCB, Meerut
19. Sri M.K.Tyagi, AEE, UPPCB, Meerut.

20. Dr. P Chandra, ASO, UPPCB, Muzaffarnagar.
21. Sri R.K.Singh, CPCB, RD, Lucknow.
22. Sri D.K.Soni, CPCB, RD, Lucknow.
23. Dr. Sarnesh Rai, CPCB, RD, Lucknow.
24. Dr. Sushma Chandra, Chief Medical Officer, Baghpat.
25. Dr. P.K. Gautam, Addl. Chief Medical Officer, Meerut.
26. Ms. Alka Singh (representative of Chief Medical Officer, Muzaffarnagar.
27. Sri VPS Tomar, AE, U.P. Jal Nigam, Shamli.
28. Sri Devendra Kumar, Executive Engineer, U.P. Jal Nigam, Ghaziabad.
29. Sri A.K.Tiwari, Regional Officer, UPPCB, Ghaziabad/Greater Noida.
30. Dr. Pratima Akolkar, CPCB
31. Dr. P.K.Gautam
32. Sri Gopal Singh, Chief Engineer, W.R.Irrigation Department.
33. Sri Rakesh Chaudhary, Project Manager, U.P. Jal Nigam, Saharanpur.
34. Sri P.K.Agarwal, Executive Engineer, U.P.Jal Nigam, Muzaffarnagar.
35. Sri Paras Nath, CEO-3, UPPCB.
36. Dr. Akhlaq Hussain, CEO, UPPCB.
37. Sri Radhey Shyam, EE,C-1, UPPCB.
38. Dr. Sita Ram, Env. Specialist Ganga, SPMG, UP.
39. Dr. Anil Kumar Singh, Regional Officer, UPPCB, Noida.
40. Sri Utsav Sharma, AEE, UPPCB, Greater Noida.
41. Sri P.K.Agarwal, Executive Engineer, UP Jal Nigam, Muzaffarnagar.
42. Sri Rakesh Chaudhari, Project Manager, Saharanpur.
43. Manish Dixit, C.O., UPPCB.
44. Dr. Sarvesh Rai, Scientist 'C' CPCB, RD(M)
45. Sri S R Maurya, Regional Officer, UPPCB, Saharanpur.
46. Sri J.B.Singh, AEE, UPPCB, Saharanpur.

The meeting commenced with permission of the Chair and with a welcome note by Hon'ble Chairman. Hon'ble Chairman highlighted the pressing need of putting up necessary action for implementation of the action plans within the time line for restoration of water quality of river Hindon and its tributaries.

Sri J. Chandra Babu, Scientist, WQM-1 Division, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and Member of this Monitoring Committee recapitulated the various directions issued by Hon'ble NGT in the OAs dealing with pollution of *Hindon, West Kali, and Krishni Rivers* in the Districts of Saharanpur, Baghpat, Ghaziabad, Muzaffarnagar, Shamli, Meerut and Gautam Budh Nagar and reverberations thereof. Resolved to weigh-up the action taken by various authorities/departments in compliance with each such direction.

The Secretary to the Monitoring Committee informed that compliance reports/action taken reports despite e-mail communication and reminder request have not been received from the authorities/departments excepting e-mail reports from Sri J.Chandra Babu, representing CPCB; Regional Officer, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UPPCB), Meerut, Regional Officer, UPPCB, Ghaziabad/Greater Noida and Chief Medical Officer, Baghpat. Considered. The Monitoring Committee, expressing staid concern, articulated that timely submission of the compliance reports and action taken reports by all concerned officers/departments is indispensable. The delay or omission in or non-submission of compliance reports/action taken reports is a contrite state of affairs and cannot be allowed to go on. The Monitoring Committee directed that all concerned authorities should necessarily ensure that speaking compliance reports/action taken reports with all relevant and supporting documents are necessarily provided to the Secretary of the Committee well within the time-line at least four days before the next meeting of the Monitoring Committee so that the reports are appropriately analysed for further discussion and necessary directions/ action.

The Monitoring Committee underlined that it is available to consider and suggest ways & means for resolution of any and every valid but not bodged problem in the matters referred to it. The Member, Sri J. Chandra Babu, offered that he is accessible 365 days X 24 hours.

Resolved that all officers and departments directly/indirectly involved in Hindon River matter shall ensure that now onwards duly signed/authenticated action taken reports/compliance reports are inevitably provided, in four copies, to the Secretary, Sri Pramod Kumar Goel. Any and every failure, inaction, lapse or omission shall be viewed seriously.

The Nodal Officer nominated by the Chief Secretary, State Government of Uttar Pradesh vide letter no. NGT 330(2)/55 **Ik;kZ-2-**2018, dated 10-09-2018 read with letter No. 1713/**eh0,10,e0,10**/2018, dated 07.09.2018 i.e. the Principal Secretary, Environment Department, State Government of Uttar Pradesh ([psforest2015@gmail.com](mailto:psforest2015@gmail.com)) shall please inform/instruct all concerned accordingly.

The status of closure of various industries was verified, at random, by Shri J. Chandra Babu, Sc 'D', WQM-I, CPCB. The report received from him indicates that in furtherance of the resolution adjudicated by this Committee in its 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting, verification of

1. M/s Shree Jagdamba Knits (P) Ltd., G-95 & 105, Site -B, Surajpur, Greater Noida was made on 12.09.2018 and it was found that in furtherance of the closure direction by UPPCB, the Production process has been stopped, bore well has been sealed & environment fine has been paid. However, electricity supply was available.
2. M/s Vimal Dyeing, H-41, Site - C, Greater Noida was made on 12.09.2018 and it was found that in furtherance of the closure direction by UPPCB on 30.07.2018 and 03.08.2018, the Production process is stopped since 08.08.2018, bore well has not been sealed, regarding payment of environment fine affidavit has been given and electricity supply was available.
3. M/s Kathuria Brothers (Tannery), A-12, Site -3, Meerut Road, Industrial Area, Ghaziabad was made on 12.09.2018 and it was found that in furtherance of the closure direction by UPPCB on 03.08.2018, the Production process is stopped since 08.08.2018,

bore well has been sealed, environment fine has been paid and electricity supply was not available. The remarks appended indicate that the Unit is upgrading the existing ETP in respect of Oil & Grease Skimming Tank, PSF, Activated Carbon Filter, pH Meter and Flow Meter at outlet of ETP.

4. M/s Kathuria Brothers (Cycle Section), A-12, Site -3, Meerut Road, Industrial Area, Ghaziabad was made on 12.09.2018 and it was found that in furtherance of the closure direction by UPPCB on 03.08.2018, the Production process is stopped since 08.08.2018, bore well has been sealed, environment fine has been paid and electricity supply was not available. The remarks appended indicate that the Unit has upgraded the existing ETP in respect of Oil & Grease removal provision, Pressure Sand Filter, pH Meter added at outlet of ETP.
5. M/s Hamdard Laboratories, B-2 and 3, Meerut Road, Industrial Area, Ghaziabad was made on 12.09.2018 and it was found that in furtherance of the closure direction by UPPCB on 03.08.2018, the Production process is stopped since 14.08.2018, bore well has been sealed, environment fine has been paid and electricity supply was not available.
6. M/s Northland Cycle Co. Ltd, D-21, Meerut Road, Industrial Area, Ghaziabad was made on 12.09.2018 and it was found that the closure direction made by UPPCB was not available with the staff on spot. However, the production process is stopped, bore well has been sealed, and electricity supply was not available. Regarding payment of environment fine no fact could be found from the staff on site. The ETP was found under up-gradation.
7. M/s Techno Enterprises, A-13/12, Meerut Road Industrial Area, Ghaziabad was made on 12.09.2018 and it was found that in furtherance of the closure direction by UPPCB on 03.08.2018, the Production process is stopped since 14.08.2018, bore well has been

sealed, and electricity supply was not available. However, regarding payment of environment fine no fact could be provided by the staff on site. The remarks appended speak that as per the security and office personnel ETP up-gradation has been completed and UPPCB informed by the Management.

8. M/s Parle Agro Pvt. Ltd, A-7, Sector-22, Meerut Road, Industrial Area, Ghaziabad was made on 12.09.2018 and it was found that in furtherance of the closure direction by UPPCB on 03.08.2018 and 10.08.2018, the production process is stopped since 14.08.2018, one bore well has been sealed, electricity supply was not available and the environment fine has been paid. The remarks appended speak that the additional Oil & Grease skimming unit has been added to the existing captive ETP.

The Member-Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Lucknow submits that a power point presentation (PPT) with essence of various directions and action taken in compliance thereof has been prepared and would be presented before the Hon'ble Committee, if permitted by Hon'ble Committee. Permission Granted.

Thereafter the Member-Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Sri Ashish Tiwari, performed PPT running into several slides, which indicates that Hindon River originates in upper Shivalik range of Saharanpur district and meets Yamuna River in Gautam Budh Nagar (UP). Further, it roves 400 kms. in seven revenue districts namely Saharanpur, Muzaffarnagar, Shamli, Meerut, Baghpat, Ghaziabad, Gautam Budh Nagar in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

It is pertinent to mention hereat that during PPT, one partaker, namely, the Additional Commissioner, Meerut Division, Meerut, presented an unsigned narrative regarding Hindon Rejuvenation. The said narrative designates attachment of four reports being (i) Report of the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, (i) Report of the Joint Director, Agriculture, (iii) Report of the Superintending Engineer, Drainage, Ghaziabad Circle, and

(iv) Report of the Superintending Engineer, Jal Nigam, Meerut but none of the said four reports has been actually annexed. This shows the insensate and amateurish approach. Any and every report and document given to the Committee must be complete and duly signed/authenticated.

The unsigned narrative so presented indicates that in the State of Uttar Pradesh 355 km route of Hindon river is in two revenue Divisions, namely Saharanpur Division (comprising three revenue districts, namely, Saharanpur, Muzaffarnagar, Shamli and 21 Local Bodies) & Meerut Division (comprising four revenue districts, namely, Meerut, Baghpat, Ghaziabad, Gautam Budh Nagar and 15 Local Bodies). Further, 227 villages (157 in Saharanpur Division & 70 in Meerut Division) are along the route of Hindon River wherefrom water of 106 villages being just polluted is not potable. The report also indicates that from total catchment area of Hindon river, 35% is in district Saharanpur, 24% is in district Muzaffarnagar, 12% is in district Baghpat, 10 % is in district Gautam Budh Nagar, 06 % is in district Shamli, 05 % is in district Meerut, 06 % is in district Ghaziabad, and rest 2% is in Haridwar (Uttarakhand State). Thus 98% of the catchment area is *exfacie* in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

The PPT provides that except monsoon, Hindon river is dry on upstream of Saharanpur and the flow in the river starts with discharge of municipal sewage of Saharanpur city and trade effluents from M/s Star Paper Mill, Saharanpur. Also that river Kali (West) and Krishni are the tributaries of river Hindon which tributaries are dry on upstream during non-monsoon season and carry only sewage and industrial effluents.

The unsigned/unauthenticated narrative presented by the Additional Commissioner, Meerut Division, Meerut specify that Paon Dhoi (**ikWo /kksbZ**) [7km], Krishni (**d`.kh**) [153km], Dhamola (**/keksyk**) [52km], & West Kali (**lkf`peh dkyh**) [145km] are included in the tributaries of Hindon river. However, the booklet 'Hindon Maati' published from the office of the Commissioner, Meerut Division, Meerut, under Nirmal Hindon Project (October-December 2017) presents (at page 05) four more

rivers namely, Sheela - 61 Kms, Nagdev - 45 kms, Chacha row - 18 kms, & Pur Ka Tanda 08 kms as tributaries of Hindon river. The facts regarding tributaries of Hindon need to be verified by UPPCB so that a clear cut picture without any disparity or inconsistency happens to be known.

The PPT also provides that the total flow of sewage is 717 MLD and 13 STPs with capacity of 669.5 MLD have been installed wherefrom 10 STPs with 513.5 MLD operational capacities are running and three (all 03 in Ghaziabad district) are not functional due to connectivity of Sewer network. It is claimed that 10 STPs (01 in Saharanpur, 06 in Ghaziabad, 01 in Noida, 01 in Greater Noida, and 01 in Muzaffarnagar) are achieving the norms. The PPT shows a shortfall of 203.5 MLD. Thus 203.5 MLD sewage (08 MLD sewage from 08 MLD sewage generated in Baghpat district, 78 MLD sewage from 446 MLD sewage generated in Ghaziabad district, 87 MLD sewage from 125 MLD sewage generated in Saharanpur district, 30.5 MLD sewage from out of 63 MLD sewage generated in Muzaffarnagar district) remains untreated. The Committee is informed that no STP has been installed in Baghpat district which generates 08 MLD sewage. Articulating that it was beyond belief that 03 STP that have already been set up in Ghaziabad district but are non-functional for want of connectivity of sewer network, the Committee directed that complete facts in this regard be provided by the department concerned to the Secretary to this Committee positively for deliberation in the next meeting.

The description in the PPT read with the facts in the unsigned/unauthenticated and incomplete narration alarms the sadness. Therefore, each office and bureaucrat has to rededicate to be true to the mission. With this note, the agenda is taken up.

Resolved that the Minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Monitoring Committee that was held on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 at Gautam Budh Nagar be confirmed subject to the following corrections:

1. The words “full time” flanked by the words “as its” & “Secretary” in 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph at page 01 of the minutes be scored out.



2. The word “phot” occurring in the fourth line at Page 8 of the minutes be read as “photo”,
3. The word “mercury” occurring in the last line of the opening paragraph at page 8 be substituted by the word “fluoride”.
4. The words “all reports” occurring in 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph of page no. 06 be scored out and substituted by the words “comprehensive report”.

### **Web-site**

Hon’ble National Green Tribunal (‘NGT’ herein after) has been pleased to direct to set up a website for receiving and giving information on the subject. This issue was considered in the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting when it was resolved to request the Chief Secretary to the State Government of UP to direct all concerned especially National Informatics Centre (NIC) to immediately develop a website to smooth the progress of receiving and giving information on the subject. The minutes have already been provided by e-mail but nothing has been heard in the matter. The progress in the matter has not been placed before the Monitoring Committee. Resolved that the Chief Secretary to the State Government of UP be again requested to direct all concerned to take immediate steps to develop the web-site. Copy of each direction issued in the matter be provided to the Secretary, Sri Pramod Kumar Goel, who, in turn, would apprise the Monitoring Committee of the progress in the matter.

Further resolved that as an interim measure all concerned departments/Corporations/Authorities be directed to open a specific page on their official website which shall be cyclically updated with most up-to-date data in regard to the directions of the NGT as well the action taken in compliance of each direction. The page so opened must give opportunity to the public to post their Grievance, expectations and suggestions in regard to Hindon River, Tributaries and drains merging therein. The Grievance(s) so posted by the public with details of genuine and certifiable steps taken in resolution thereof must be uploaded on the web-site. Fortnightly

compilation of the aforesaid details shall be prepared by each such office/department/Authority/Corporation and four sets of the same shall be provided to the Secretary to the Monitoring Committee who will present the same before this Committee for weighing up and directions, if any. All concerned shall ensure that the website page so opened is full of all authentic and certifiable status of compliance.

**Involvement of the Educational Institutions:**

The NGT sanction regarding permitting this Committee to involve educational institutions for expectations, awareness and feedback about the results, was considered by this Committee in its 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting when it was resolved to request the District Magistrate, Baghpat/Shamli/Ghazibad/Meerut/Muzaffarnagar/Saharanpur/Gautam Budh Nagar to provide full list of such educational institutions which are ready and willing to join in the movement. The minutes were circulated by e-mail for compliance & report. However, action taken in the matter has not been received from any of the seven District Magistrates. Resolved that the Divisional Commissioner, Meerut & Saharanpur Divisions be requested to direct all concerned for instantaneous action in compliance. Report of the action taken in the matter be provided to the Secretary to this Committee within seven days who would present the same before the Committee for consideration.

**Providing Potable drinking water:**

The NGT observation that in a welfare State, the State is bound to look-after the health and direction to the State Government to ensure that people in the area are provided with potable drinking water was considered by this Committee in its 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting and it was resolved to request the:

1. Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam,
2. Nagar Nigam, Meerut,
3. Nagar Nigam Saharanpur,
4. Nagar Nigam, Muzaffarnagar,

5. Nagar Palika Parishad, Shamli,
6. Nagar Palika Parishad, Baghpat,
7. Nagar Nigam, Ghaziabad and
8. NOIDA Authority

to provide full details of each and every action taken in compliance. However, no report in the matter has been received from the authorities at serial number 02 to 08.

During deliberations in meeting today, UP Jal Nigam officer presented a tabulated statement seemingly signed by the Chief Engineer. The statement so presented does not contain the name and full designation of the signing authority. *It would be better if full name and designation of the signing authority is given in the report. Further, the compliance reports or all/any other reports are provided to the Secretary to the Monitoring Committee atleast four days before the meeting so that the all facts in the reports are duly examined for a meaningful deliberation in the meeting.* The statement indicates that:

1. In Saharanpur district 15 hand-pumps (India Mark-II) have been installed and all 15 were tested and removed as water of all was found contaminated. *03 submersible pumps (@45 lpm) have been installed for providing safe drinking water.*
2. In Meerut district 1126 hand-pumps (India Mark-II) have been installed and all 1126 have been tested & 78 have been removed due to water contamination. Rest 1048 hand pumps are functional and available for safe drinking water.
3. In Ghaziabad district 61 hand-pumps (India Mark-II) have been installed and only 51 hand pumps were tested and from those so tested 10 have been removed due to water contamination. Rest 41 hand pumps are functional and available for drinking water. It is seen that the water quality of 51 hand-pumps from 61 in all installed has been tested. *The moot question would thus be why the*

*water quality of remaining 10 hand-pumps could not yet be tested.* Let the authorities in UP Jal Nigam submit clarification.

4. In Shamli district 1928 hand-pumps (India Mark-II) have been installed and from those 1928 hand-pumps only 1654 have been tested for water quality and from those so tested water of 229 has been found contaminated and from those 229, 137 have been removed. *The moot questions would thus be why the water quality of remaining 274 hand-pumps could not yet be tested and why remaining 92 hand-pumps with contaminated water have not yet been sealed.* Let the authorities in UP Jal Nigam submit their response.
5. In Muzaffarnagar district 3045 hand-pumps (India Mark-II) have been installed and from those 3045 hand-pumps water quality of 2806 hand-pumps has been tested and from those so tested water of 201 has been found contaminated and all those 201 have been removed. Rest 2602 hand pumps are safe, functional and available for drinking water. It is seen that the water quality of 2806 hand-pumps from 3045 in all installed has been tested. *The moot question would thus be why the water quality of remaining 239 hand-pumps could not yet be tested. Further, when water quality of 201 hand-pumps from 2806 hand-pumps under scanner has been found unsafe, then in that event how come 2602 are reported to be safe for drinking water?* There appears to be some ministerial slip-up. Let the authorities in UP Jal Nigam submit clarification.
6. In Baghpat district 3740 hand-pumps (India Mark-II) have been installed and from those 3740 hand-pumps water quality of 3130 hand-pumps has been tested and from those so tested water of 555 has been found contaminated and from those 555 hand-pumps 425 hand-pumps have been removed. Rest 2575 hand pumps are safe, functional and available for drinking water. It is seen that the water quality of 3130 hand-pumps from 3740 in all installed could yet be

tested. *The moot question would thus be why the water quality of remaining 610 hand-pumps could not yet be tested. Further, when water quality of 555 hand-pumps from 3130 hand-pumps under scanner has been found unsafe, then why remaining 130 hand-pumps with contaminated water could not yet been sealed.* There appears to be some gap. Let the authorities in UP Jal Nigam submit clarification.

There is no indication of the action taken in Gautam Budh Nagar. Unambiguous reason in this regard be also provided.

The statement in column nos. 18 and 19 provides that the department has drawn a plan for new/rebore of 595 (15 in Saharanpur with expenditure of Rs. 12.61 Lacs, 78 in Meerut with expenditure of Rs. 77.035 Lacs, 101 in Shamli with expenditure of Rs. 76.16 Lacs, 201 in Muzaffarnagar with expenditure of Rs. 169.5 Lacs, and 200 in Baghpat with expenditure of Rs. 197.708 Lacs) deep Hand Pumps and submitted the same for approval by the State involving expenditure of Rs. 533.013 Lacs. This means that the department wants to go for installation of new or re-bore of 595 Deep Hand Pumps. It is not clear as to how many new are proposed to be installed and how many need re-bore. It appears that Ghaziabad and Gautam Budh Nagar have been left out. Let a specific reason be provided for better evaluation.

The department (UPJal Nigam) shall as soon as possible email the said plan/estimate with all legible annexure to the Hon'ble Chairman at [sukhanj@yahoo.co.in](mailto:sukhanj@yahoo.co.in) as well to the Secretary at [judge.goel@gmail.com](mailto:judge.goel@gmail.com).

The statement in column no. 17 provides that after removal of various hand pumps as above 1048 hand-pumps in Meerut, 41 hand-pumps in Ghaziabad, 1428 hand-pumps in Shamli, 2602 hand-pumps in Muzaffarnagar, and 2575 hand-pumps in Baghpat are available for safe drinking water.

Considered. Resolved that

(1) The concerned Chief Engineer, UP Jal Nigam be directed to provide a comprehensive report in the matter within seven days.

(2) The Nagar Ayukt, Nagar Nigam, Meerut; Nagar Ayukt, Nagar Nigam, Saharanpur; Nagar Ayukt, Nagar Nigam, Muzaffarnagar, Nagar Aukta, Nagar Nigam, Ghaziabad; Executive Officer, Nagar Palika Parishad, Shamli; Executive Officer, Nagar Palika Parishad, Baghpat and Chief Executive Officer, NOIDA be directed to provide a comprehensive report in the matter within seven days.

The brief narration submitted by the Additional Commissioner, Meerut Division, Meerut provides that 21 Local Bodies in Saharanpur Division and 15 Local Bodies in Meerut Division are involved in the matter. Therefore, also resolved that the Commissioner, Meerut Division, Meerut and Commissioner, Saharanpur Division, Saharanpur be requested to direct all 15 and 21 Local Bodies in their jurisdiction to provide comprehensive report of the action taken by them in compliance of various directions given by NGT. Copy of the directions so issued by the Divisional Commissioners be provided to the Secretary to this Committee for production before us. The Local Bodies shall provide their compliance reports to the Secretary to this Committee who shall present the same before us in the next meeting.

**Prohibition on extraction of Ground water:**

The NGT direction that all the hand-pumps in the area of district Baghpat and other districts from where samples had been collected and have been found contamination of Ground water, there will be complete prohibition on extraction of Ground water for drinking purposes appended with a further direction to forthwith seal the hand-pumps, if any, in those areas was considered by the Monitoring Committee in its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting when it was resolved to request the District Magistrate, Baghpat and all other concerned districts and departments to furnish full details of each and every action taken in compliance with the above directions. However, no report has been received from any office in the matter. It is seen that in the

1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of this Committee Sri R.K.Tyagi, Regional Officer, UPPCB, Meerut had informed that in compliance with the order of NGT two Hand Pumps one on the main road in village Madiyae, within Sardhana Block, Meerut and another Hand Pump installed on the road side near Ramala Sugar Mill Guest House were dismantled as the water from them was highly contaminated with disquieting level of fluoride.

The Chief Engineer, UP Jal Nigam, Ghaziabad informs that 1,088 hand-pumps (15 in Saharanpur, 78 in Meerut, 10 in Ghaziabad, 137 in Shamli, 201 in Muzaffarnagar and 425 in Baghpat) from 9915 (15 in Saharanpur, 1126 in Meerut, 61 in Ghaziabad, 1928 in Shamli, 3045 in Muzaffarnagar and 3740 in Baghpat) hand-pumps installed in the area were marked red and deracinated. The Executive Engineer, Jal Nigam, Ghaziabad, in the same way, informs verbally that from 3,740 hand-pumps in the area under his jurisdiction 46+413=459 have been red marked & uprooted. The tabulated report referred to herein before appears to have some dissimilar data. The Executive Engineer, UP Jal Nigam, Ghaziabad to provide better particulars to square off the discrepancy.

During deliberations it was also pointed out by the Jal Nigam Authorities that presently the Panchayats have the authority of re-bore. In this view of the position, resolved to direct the District Magistrate of all seven afore-detailed districts to have full report from the Panchayats within their jurisdiction and provide the same to the Secretary to this Monitoring Committee within 10 days from communication of the minutes.

On being asked about the supply of potable drinking water to the populace in the affected area, the Jal Nigam officers resubmitted that potable water is sufficiently obtainable from 7694 Hand pumps and 03 submersibles already installed and available in the area and for that reason there was no occasion for supply of potable drinking water using Water Tankers as directed by NGT.

The Principal Secretary, Urban Development, UP interceded to state that originally norm was one hand pump per 250 persons, which

stood revised to one hand pump per 150 people, and currently the norm is one hand pump per 75 people. The above facts make obvious that the UP Jal Nigam and other Local Bodies have not yet taken any step for supply of potable drinking water in the affected area.

The Chief Engineer, Jal Nigam, Ghaziabad also informs that a comprehensive plan for Pipe Water Supply (Tube Well Supply) has been drawn and submitted for administrative and financial approval by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh and execution would start after necessary funds are allocated. The officer on being asked to supply copy of the said scheme stated that no such report was readily available with him.

Germane to call to mind that NGT has directed the State of Uttar Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam to ensure that potable drinking water is supplied to the villagers without any delay and default appended with a direction to ensure that sufficient drinking water is provided by associating village Panchayats. The UP PCB, CPCB and the U.P. Jal Nigam have been mandated to

- 1) Take immediate measures to ensure that the extracted Ground water is treated before it is permitted to be consumed by human beings.
- 2) Prepare the total mechanism for treating of such water, and
- 3) Finalize the schemes for implementation of and give effect to the scheme within two months from.

In view of the above mandate this Committee in its 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting had resolved to request the State of Uttar Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Central Pollution Control Board and the District Magistrates of afore-detailed 7 districts to submit point-wise comprehensive compliance and action taken report. However, no report in the matter has been received from any of the above except from CPCB. Shri J. Chandra Babu, Member of the Monitoring Committee and representative of CPCB informed that in view of the fact that the water supply is within the realm of the State Government, CPCB vide letter dated



18.09.2018 have requested UPPCB and U.P. Jal Nigam to take necessary steps to draw action plans for ensuring providing potable safe drinking water to the public and to submit the same to CPCB for further review. Copy of the afore-said letter has also been endorsed and mailed to all the District Magistrates to direct the concerned authorities to ensure necessary action in the afore-said matter. However, the response is still awaited.

Expecting that the agonizing impassiveness would not be repeated, resolved to direct all concerned especially the Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam and concerned Local Bodies to prepare a comprehensive report with specific area-wise population, number of Hand Pumps installed in that particular area, number of Hand Pumps sealed/uprooted-dismantled in the specific area & number of functional and non-functional hand pumps in the area and provide the same to the Secretary to this Committee, which report would be considered by this Committee in its next meeting. It is noted that report received from UP Jal Nigam provides details of hand pumps installed in a particular district, hand pumps tested for water quality in a particular district, and hand pumps removed for bad water quality in a particular district, which details are not sufficient. *The details must be locality wise with number of inhabitants in that particular locality.*

**Medical Treatment of the sufferers:**

The NGT order records that several residents have suffered and are suffering from various water born diseases as a result of pollution caused by discharge by various industries operating in the area and those sufferers have to be given proper treatment. This issue was considered by this Committee in its 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting when it was resolved to request the District Magistrates and the Chief Medical Officers of Meerut, Saharanpur, Shamli, Ghaziabad, Muzaffarnagar, Baghpat and Gautam Budh Nagar to provide comprehensive list of such inhabitants who as outcome of water contamination have suffered illness along-with details of steps taken for their treatment, spending on treatment, source of funds spent in their treatment and present position of each such patient. It was further directed

that the report should also indicate the details of the industries operating in & accountable for water contamination in the area and steps taken for recovery of the amount spent in the treatment as above. The minutes/resolutions were communicated by e-mail but still no report from any of the concerned authorities excepting the Chief Medical Officer, Baghpat (Dr Sushama Chandra).

Dr Sushama Chandra, Chief Medical Officer, Baghpat did provide her report (but none of the annexure is decipherable) by e-mail, which report is addressed to the District Magistrate, Baghpat being letter no. CMO/NGT/ 2016-17/3956, dated 22.09.2018. The report so provided by e-mail indicates that:

1. Medical camps were organized in the villages (name of the villages not specified) on 26.09.2016, 28.09.2016, and 03.01.2016.
2. Despite indefatigable efforts only 114 villagers from 312 villagers identified could come for treatment and from them only 15 the probable sufferers of heavy metals toxicity, were referred for investigation.
3. As per the report dated 27.01.2016 of the Specialist Medical Officer, Dr. Rajesh Kumar, carp ailments were not the resultant of water pollution based heavy metal toxicity.
4. The District Magistrate, Baghpat on 21.10.2016 sanctioned a sum of Rs. 2,50,000 for Heavy Metal Testing of the 15 probable victims of heavy metal toxicity from the fund meant for National Vector Born Disease Control Programme.
5. Arrangements were made at PHC, Binauli (Baghpat) for pathological test of those fifteen apparent victims but only 01 from those 15 came. The test reports indicate that ailment of none of them was cause by toxic effects of heavy metals. Hence not proper to say that the fifteen identified patients have suffered illness due to heavy metal toxicity in contaminated water.

During deliberations in the meeting today, the Director, Health, Uttar Pradesh, Ms. Madhu Saxena, could not provide any information in the matter. She appears to have joined the office quite recently. Considered. Resolved to direct the Director, Health, Uttar Pradesh to provide a complete report with up-to-date data within ten (10) days from today.

The Committee feels that the Social and Preventive Medicine Department should also get engaged for prevention and cure of the disease in the catchment of Hindon river. The Principal Secretary, Health, Uttar Pradesh would please examine the matter and submit report with all facts and possibilities.

It is seen that none has come in the meeting from the

1. Ground Water department, Uttar Pradesh,
2. Central Ground Water Authority,
3. Minor Irrigation Department, UP,
4. Agriculture and Horticulture departments, UP,
5. Development Authorities,
6. Forest Department, and
7. Municipal Corporations (Nagar Nigam, Nagar Palika).

Since the Ground water quality in the affected area and its resulting impinge on the populace is one of the key issues, the authorities in the above departments should also attend the meeting of the Monitoring Committee with complete facts and figures in the matter.

The Nodal Officer i.e. the Principal Secretary, Environment, Uttar Pradesh to provide the details of the principal officers in all concerned departments with their office (postal) address as well their e-mail address to the Secretary to this Committee. The Secretary to this Committee would then request the key officers to be present in the next meeting with their comprehensive report in the matter. Resolved accordingly.

**Hindon Catchment Area:**

In view of the fact that roughly 98% of the catchment area of Hindon river is in the State of Uttar Pradesh, the officers present in the meeting were requested to provide facts of status of the catchment area. The Committee is informed that the Development Authorities have been tasked with administration of the catchment area. Government Order no.1416 was mentioned in support. Neither full particulars of the GO could be provided nor was placed before the Committee for read-through. The Nodal Officer is requested to provide one copy of the above referred GO no. 1416.

The Committee is further informed by one of the officer in the UP Irrigation that the Hindon catchment area is encroached approximately with 3,00,000 illegal constructions. The officer supplying the said information on being asked to place supporting details with his written report stated that no such data and report is with him.

Quarterly brochure “fg.Mu ekVh” (April-June 2018) published and supported by the Hindon Rejuvenation Project and supplied by the Addl. Commissioner, Meerut Division, Meerut provides, at page 11, that as per the information from the Superintending Engineer, Irrigation, Construction Division approximately 3,00,000 people are living in Hindon catchment area within Ghaziabad and Gautam Budh Nagar districts. In view of this information, the UP Irrigation Department was directed to get a precise assessment done & prepare a detailed report for decisive action in the matter. The Uttar Pradesh Irrigation Department, in accomplishment, must have taken atleast some steps by now.

The PPT informs that 23 drains (08 Industrial, 05 Mixed, 08 Domestic, 02 Canal escape) ultimately (15 directly in Hindon, 04 via Kali West & 04 via Krishni) meet river Hindon. The PPT also put in the picture that the water quality of Hindon river, Kali West and Krishi comes in ‘E’ Group i.e. can only be used for irrigation. The Committee is informed that

the Major Irrigation Department is the custodian of drains falling in Hindon River and its Tributaries. Resolved to request:

1. The UP Irrigation (Major and Minor) Departments to provide their reports with all precise details of action taken till date in the matters, and
2. The Vice Chairman, Ghaziabad Development Authority, Ghaziabad and the Chief Executive Officer, New Okhla Industrial Development Authority to provide status report in regard to the management etc. of Hindon Catchment area within their command area.

The reports as above be provided in four copies to the Secretary to this Monitoring Committee for being placed before us for deliberation in the next meeting.

**Action against non-compliant industries:**

The NGT vide order dated 12.07.2018 read with order dated 08.08.2018 has been pleased to direct Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board to close all the 124 industries which are not complying with the standards suggested in the report of the earlier Committee. As regards prosecution of the non-compliant industries, learned Counsel for the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board had assured that prosecution would be initiated within six (6) weeks from 08.08.2018 against all those who are found responsible for discharge of effluents not meeting the prescribed standards. The Monitoring Committee in its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting had taken up this issue when the Committee was informed that prosecution could not be launched as related documents were not received from the office of the Central Pollution Control Board. In view of this stumbling impediment it was provided that the official of the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board would visit the office of the Central Pollution Control Board and may get all necessary documents from there. On being asked to place the progress in the matter, the Member-Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Control Board

informed that Central Pollution Control Board has not yet provided the documents which are essentially required for a successful prosecution. Sri J Chandra Babu, Member came back with assertion that the documents have already been provided. The Regional Officer, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Ghaziabad retorted saying that only Photostat copies have been provided and 'Certified To Be True' have not been provided. The Member-Secretary added that the departmental Law Officer has recorded his opinion that 'Certified to be True' copies are required otherwise the prosecution will fail. Sri J Chandra Babu, Member informed that the UPPCB may get the certified copies once approval for prosecution is granted by the competent authority. The Member-Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board submits that competent authority has already granted approval for prosecution appended with remark that when NGT has directed for prosecution of 124 defiant industries, the prosecution has to be necessarily launched with all material documents and reports.

The Chairman would speak that the contents of documents may be proved either by primary i.e. by the document itself or by legally recognized 'secondary evidence, which as per Section 63 of the Evidence Act means and includes:

1. Certified Copies duly issued,
2. Copies made from the original by mechanical process which in themselves ensure the accuracy of the copy,
3. Copies made from or compared with the original.

Sri J. Chandra Babu, Member, assured with assertion that Photostat copies would be duly certified and provided to the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board. The Member-Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Lucknow would restore confidence that prosecution would be launched within next 07 days from today.

The Committee is informed that in compliance with the direction regarding closure of 124 non-compliant industries action has been taken. To elaborate the action in compliance, the Member Secretary, Uttar

Pradesh Pollution Control Board updated that Show Cause Notices have been issued to following 55 industries:

1. Colour & Style Pvt Ltd, A-1/2, 8/9, Site-B, Surajpur, Greater Noida,
2. M.K. Leather Trading Company, D-33, Site-B, Site-B, Surajpur, Greater Noida,
3. Skylark Dyeing (Pvt) Ltd, B-2/14, Site-B, Surajpur, Greater Noida,
4. India Yahama Motor (P) Ltd, Noida-Dadri Road, Greater Noida,
5. Suchi Paper Mills, Bisrakh Road, Chapraulla, Greater Noida,
6. Kawatra Papers (P) Ltd, Dhoom Manikpur, Dadri,
7. Amber Enterprises Ltd., C-3, Site-4, Kasna, Greater Noida,
8. Capital Dyeing works, C-6, Site-C, Surajpur, Greater Noida,
9. C & S Ltd., B-1, Site-4, Kasna, Greater Noida,
10. Garg Tube Company Ltd., Chapraulla, Greater Noida,
11. Indo Pump, F-29-30, Site-B, Greater Noida,
12. Indus Tubes Ltd, Chapraulla, Greater Noida,
13. Jayanita Exports (P) Ltd, A-1, EPIP, Kasna, Greater Noida,
14. JMV LPS Ltd (formerly JMV Earthing Equipment Pvt Ltd), J-12, Site-C, UPSIDC, Greater Noida.
15. JBM Autotech, J-5, Site-C, Greater Noida.
16. Nippon Tube Ltd. Bisrakh Road, Chapraulla, Greater Noida.
17. Vikas Industries, J-37, Site-C, Greater Noida.
18. Metal Tech Design (P) Ltd, 7-D, Udhog Kendra, Greater Noida.
19. India Dyeing & Textiles, F-75, Site-B, Greater Noida.
20. Neuman Components Pvt Ltd, 35, Sector 31, Kasna, Greater Noida.
21. Surya Fresh Foods Ltd., 14, Dadri Road, Surajpur, Greater Noida.
22. KRBL Ltd., Achcheja, GT Road, Dadri, Noida.
23. Balaji Wire Pvt Ltd, 139-A, Anand Industrial Area, Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad.
24. Mohan Meakens Ltd. Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad.
25. AB Cycle Parts Pvt Ltd, S-24, South Side of GT Road, Ghaziabad.
26. Indian Textiles Co., E-49, Bulandshahr Road, Ghaziabad.
27. Lion Cycle & Rickshaw Industries, E-10, Bulandshahr Road, Ghaziabad.

28. Shakshi Metal Works, D-1A, Kavi Nagar Industrial Area, Sector-7, Ghaziabad.
29. Shanti Nath Manufacturers, A-2/4E, Kavi Nagar Industrial Area, Sector-7, Ghaziabad.
30. Shivam Engineering & Fabrication, A-282, South Side of GT Road, Ghaziabad.
31. Exclusive Leathers, Khasra No. 2751, Bhoorgarhi, Dasna, Ghaziabad.
32. Triyash Enterprises, Bhoorgarhi, Dasna, Ghaziabad.
33. Sai Processing, 7/3, Site-2, Loni Road, Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad.
34. Albert David Ltd., B-13, Meerut Road Industrial Area, Ghaziabad.
35. Sri Ram Pistons and Rings Pvt. Ltd., Meerut Road Industrial Area Ghaziabad.
36. Ace Hardware P Ltd, Bulandshahr Road, Ghaziabad.
37. Chacha Enterprises, J-4, Apparel Park, Tronica City, Ghaziabad.
38. Al Nasir Exports P Ltd., Bhoorgarhi, Dasna, Ghaziabad.
39. Al Nafees Frozen Foods, Hapur Road, Dasna, Ghaziabad.
40. Deepak Gambhir, E-12, Apparel Park Tronica City, Ghaziabad.
41. Bajaj Hindustan Ltd, Sugar Unit, Kinoni, Meerut.
42. Ramala Sahkari Chini Mills Ltd. Ramal, Baghpat.
43. Bindalas Duplex Ltd. (Unit-1), Bhopa Road, Muzaffarnagar.
44. NS Paper Ltd. (Unit-1) Jansath Road, Muzaffarnagar.
45. NS Paper Ltd. (Unit-3) 8 Km, Jansath Road, Muzaffarnagar.
46. Shri Bhageshwari Paper Mills P Ltd, 9 Km Stone, (Unit-1) Bhopa Road, Muzaffarnagar.
47. K.K.Duplex & Paper Mills P Ltd, 8.5 Km Stone, Jansath Road, Muzaffarnagar.
48. Bindal Papers Ltd., Bhopa Road, Muzaffarnagar.
49. The Kisan Sahkari Chini Mill, Nanauta, Saharanpur.
50. Daya Sugar, Gagalheri, Saharanpur.
51. Deep Industries, Delhi Road Industrial Area, Saharanpur.
52. Atul Textile Industries Ltd. Shakumbhari, Behat Road, Saharanpur.
53. Siddhartha Textile, Aziz Colony, Chilkhana Road, Saharanpur,
54. Shree Krishna Board Mill, Gagalheri, Saharanpur.
55. Tehri Pulp & Paper Ltd (Unit-1) Bhopa Road, Muzaffarnagar.

It transpires that Show Cause Notices were issued to the units



- 1- at serial numbers 01 to 24, 27, 29, 30, 34, 35, 37, 39, 40, 42, 43, 46, 47 to 54 on 03.08.2018,
- 2- at serial number 25, 26, 28, 31, 32, 33, 36, and 55 on 06.08.2018,
- 3- at serial number 38 on 31.07.2018,
- 4- at serial number 41 on 05.09.2018, and
- 5- at serial number 44 and 45 on 20.09.2018.

Reply from all excepting units at serial number 44 and 45 have been received but details of further action taken in furtherance of the Show Cause Notices has not placed before this Committee. The action is being taken in compliance with the directions of the NGT. Therefore, quick lawful action is expected. Let the current status of action taken in respect of all 55 above industrial units be immediately provided to the Secretary to this Committee for further evaluation by this Monitoring Committee.

The above facts would also articulate that after 1<sup>st</sup> meeting just microscopic progress has been done. This is inexcusable. Trust the Officers would now get invigorated for all committed timely compliance. It is made clear that lip service or paper compliance would do no good.

The Member-Secretary, UPPCB further informs that closure orders have been issued in respect of following industrial units:

1. Shree Jagdamba Knits (P) Ltd, P.No.-95,105, Site-B, Surajpur, Greater Noida
2. CNH Industrial India Pvt. Ltd., (New Holland Tractors (P) Ltd, 3, Udyog Kendra, Greater Noida.
3. Expert Metal Tech Pvt. Ltd. 192, Udyog kendra, Greater Noida.
4. G.T. Cargo Fittings Pvt. Ltd. 92, Udyog Kendra, Greater Noida.
5. Material Movell India (P) Ltd, G-86/1, Site-5, UPSIDC, Greater Noida
6. R.S. Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. 12/1, Site-C, Surajpur, Greater Noida.
7. Rahul IonTech Pvt. Ltd., 143, Udyog Kendra, Greater Noida
8. Vimal Dyeing, H-41, Site-C, Greater Noida

9. S.P. Metal Tech Pvt. Ltd., (Old name SP Wire Pvt. Ltd.,) G-81, Site -B, Industrial Area, Greater Noida.
10. Malik Needles & Allied Products, C-108, Bulandshahr Road Industrial Area, Ghaziabad
11. Northern India cyco parts, E-2, SS of GT Road, Ghaziabad
12. M/s Shri Guru Kripa Industries, E-25, SS GT Road, Ghaziabad
13. Tarun International C-15, SS of GT road, Ghaziabad
14. M/s Devtara Industries, Meerut Road, Duhai, Ghaziabad
15. M/s A&A, S-50, Loni Road industrial Area, Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad
16. A.N Fabric, 5/6, Site 2 Loni Road, Ghaziabad
17. M/s Asha Tanu Prints Ltd, A-5/4, Loni Road, Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad
18. SR Prints C-1, Loni Road Industrial Area, Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad
19. M/s Sunny prints, 5/7, Site 2 Loni Road Industrial Area, Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad
20. ECE Ltd, A-20, Meerut Road Industrial Area, Ghaziabad
21. Parle Agro (P) Ltd, A-7, Sector 22, Meerut Road Industrial Area, Ghaziabad
22. Hamdard (Wakf) Laboratories, B-2 and 3, Meerut Road Industrial Area, Ghaziabad
23. Kathuria Brothers A-12 Site 3, Meerut Road, Industrial Area, Ghaziabad.
24. Kathuria Brothers (Cycle Section), A-12, Meerut Road Industrial Area, Ghaziabad
25. Marshal Cycles, B-17/18, Meerut Road Industrial Area, Ghaziabad
26. Northland Cycle Co Ltd, D-21, Meerut Road Industrial Area, Ghaziabad
27. Ramsons Enterprises, D-21, Meerut Road, Ghaziabad
28. Techno Enterprises, A-13/12, Meerut Road Industrial Area, Ghaziabad

29. Ultra Electroplaters, 46, Meerut Road, Ghaziabad
30. NG textiles, 13A/10, Site 2 Ioni road, Mohan Nagar Ghaziabad
31. M/s Denim Matching, G-141, Apparel Park, Tronica city, Ghaziabad
32. M/s Galaxi Garments, K-22, Apparel Park, Tronica City, Ghaziabad
33. Roop Trading Company, E-14, Apparel Park, Tronica city, Ghaziabad
34. SVS Fashions, J-22, Tronica City, Ghaziabad
35. Vedanta Estate, J-12, Tronica City, Ghaziabad

The Committee is informed that from 35 above units under closure orders industrial unit at serial number 01 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 27.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 02 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 03.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 03 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 03.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 04 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 30.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 05 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 03.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 06 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 10.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 07 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 20.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 09 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 20.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 10 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 29.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 11 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 21.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 12 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 20.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 14 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 30.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 15 has submitted its reply

regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 20.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 16 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 27.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 17 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 24.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 18 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 21.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 19 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 18.08.2018 and 17.09.2018, industrial unit at serial number 20 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 16.08.2018 & 13.09.2018, industrial unit at serial number 21 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 14.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 22 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 27.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 23 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 21.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 24 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 21.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 25 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 21.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 27 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 21.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 28 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 20.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 29 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 20.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 30 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 21.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 31 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 29.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 32 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 29.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 33 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 24.08.2018, industrial unit at serial number 34 has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 29.08.2018 and industrial unit at serial number 35

has submitted its reply regarding modification/up-gradation of the ETP on 29.08.2018. This illustrates that three industrial units detailed at serial numbers 08, 13, 26 have not yet submitted their reply in regard to modification and/or up-gradation of the ETP.

The Committee is also informed that Closure Orders have been suspended in respect of

1. industrial units at serial no 02 for three months from 11.09.2018 (it was initially suspended for one month from 13.08.2018). Reason not specified.
2. industrial units at serial no 15 for one month from 25.08.2018. Reason not specified.
3. industrial units at serial no 20 for one month from 30.08.2018. Reason not specified.
4. industrial units at serial no 31 (period & reason not mentioned) from 31.08.2018.
5. industrial units at serial no 32 (period & reason not mentioned) from 31.08.2018
6. industrial units at serial no 34 (period & reason not mentioned) from 31.08.2018
7. industrial units at serial no 35 (period & reason not mentioned) from 31.08.2018.

It transpires that reports of the Regional Officer concerned have not been received in respect of the industrial units at serial numbers 06, 08, 09, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35. The explanation for delay in submission of the report be called for from the Regional Officer(s) concerned through proper channel.

Also noticed that the Regional Officers of the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board have not yet submitted their report in regard to the current status of the units. Thus, could not be gathered whether the units under closure orders are in effect closed or any of them is operational. This is disagreeable. *The Regional Officer concerned should make surprise and at times incognito inspections also to ensure compliance.*

*The District Magistrate, Ghaziabad and Gautam Budh Nagar be requested to constitute a three member Committee comprising one SDM,*

*one Deputy SP and the Regional Officer, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Ghaziabad and Greater Noida with direction to make a surprise visit to physically verify the current status of the above 35 units. The inspection report be provided in sealed cover to the Secretary to this Committee who would place the report before us for deliberation. The exercise must be completed, so far as possible within 20 days from communication to the District Magistrates.*

The Committee is informed that two industrial units, namely, Parijat Paper Mill, Bhopa Road, Muzaffarnagar (Pulp & Paper) and M/S H. J. Tannery, Jansath Road, Muzaffarnagar (Tannery) have been closed under the orders of the Central Pollution Control Board. *The District Magistrate, Muzaffarnagar be requested to constitute a three member Committee comprising one SDM, one Deputy SP and the Regional Officer, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Muzaffarnagar and the Committee would make a surprise visit to verify the current status of those two units. The inspection report be provided in sealed cover to the Secretary to this Committee who would place the report before us for deliberation. The exercise must be completed within 07 days from communication to the District Magistrate.*

The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of this Monitoring Committee shall be held on 25.10.2018 at 10:30 hours at Lucknow. The Nodal Officer and the Nodal Department notified by the Chief Secretary, State Government of UP shall make all necessary arrangements under intimation to all concerned officers and departments.

Agenda for the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting would be basically:

1. Closure of the non-compliant industrial units in Noida/ Greater Noida, Ghaziabad, Baghpat, Shamli, Meerut, Muzaffarnagar, Saharanpur from the list of 317 non-compliant industrial units industries identified in the area. Specific report with all facts in regard to each industry should be provided.

2. Progress of prosecution of the non-compliant industrial units in Noida/Greater Noida, Ghaziabad, Baghpat, Shamli, Meerut, Muzaffarnagar, Saharanpur from the list of 124 non-compliant industrial units. Specific report with all facts in regard to each industry with all details including following must be provided:
  - 2.1 date of filing complaint,
  - 2.2 Complaint Case Number,
  - 2.3 Court in which complaint has been filed, and
  - 2.4 Current Status of the proceedings.
3. Identification and treatment of the sufferers in Noida/ Greater Noida, Ghaziabad, Baghpat, Shamli, Meerut, Muzaffarnagar, Saharanpur. The Chief Medical Officers shall provide details of each and every action taken in compliance with the direction of Hon'ble NGT since the day one.
4. Providing safe drinking water in Noida/Greater Noida, Ghaziabad, Baghpat, Shamli, Meerut, Muzaffarnagar, Saharanpur. All authorities including the Nagar Nigams/ Nagar Palika Parishads/Panchayats/Jal Nigam etc. shall provide details of each and every action taken in compliance with the direction of Hon'ble NGT since the day one.
5. Management etc. of the Hindon river catchment Area. The New Okhla Industrial Development Authority, Noida; Greater Noida, Industrial Development Authority, Greater Noida; Ghaziabad Development Authority, Ghaziabad; Baghpat Development Authority, Baghpat; Shamli Development Authority, Shamli; Meerut Development Authority, Muzaffarnagar Development Authority, Muzaffarnagar and Saharanpur Development Authority shall provide their reports with all necessary data in regard to the management of the river Hindon catchment Area including details of encroachment/illegal construction and action(s) taken. If Baghpat and Shamli have no Development Authority then in that event the authority having control and management of the Hindon river catchment shall provide the above details.

The participants/invitees be requested to come well prepared with most up-to-date information/data and compliance reports.

**It is made clear that battery of officers/officials constituting meaningless crowd is not needed in the Monitoring Committee meeting. All the participants must come well-prepared.**

**The minutes be communicated to all concerned departments/authorities/officers by email by the Secretary to this Committee with request that the compliance reports (also soft copy in .docx format) with supporting material (duly tagged and indexed) be provided in sealed cover to Sri Pramod Kumar Goel, Secretary in four legible copies atleast four days ahead of the next meeting. The Nodal Officer and the Nodal Department shall download the minutes and send hard copies to all concerned with request as above.**

The Nodal department and the Nodal Officer shall ensure all essential facilities to the Secretary of this Committee. The Committee has decided to have a Camp Office at Meerut residence (A-97, Sector-2, Shatabdi Nagar, Delhi Road, Meerut) of the Secretary, Sri Pramod Kumar Goel, with all essential stationary with postal stamps etc., basic office furniture and equipments like Desk Top Computer, Printer, Land Line Phone with internet facility and man power (atleast one Class III and one Class IV employee to be/remain attached with the Secretary during the term of this Monitoring Committee) so that collection, compilation and analysis of the reports etc. with timely dispatch of letters etc. is regularly possible. The Camp Office would be managed and controlled by the Secretary, Sri Pramod Kumar Goel.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Dr. Sushil Kumar)  
Member  
24.09.2018

(J Chandra Babu)  
Member  
24.09.2018

(Justice S.U.Khan)  
Chairman  
24.09.2018