



Central Pollution Control Board
(Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India)
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Delhi – 110032

Sub: Minutes of 15th meeting of the Task Team held on 23rd October, 2020 in CPCB, Delhi for ensuring compliance to Hon'ble NGT order dated 6.12.2019 in OA No 673/2018 in the matter of News Item Published in 'THE HINDU' Titled "More river stretches are now critically polluted: CPCB".

Fifteenth meeting of the Task Team was held on 23rd October, 2020 through Video Conferencing (VC) with the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand to review RRC approved & revised action plans for rejuvenation of identified polluted river stretches (PRS) under Priority IV category. The list of participants is enclosed at **Annexure I**.

Dr. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, CPCB & Chairman, Task Team welcomed all the members of Task Team and the officials of two States participated in VC Meeting. Thereafter, Sh. J. C. Babu, Scientist 'E', WQM-I briefed about the latest Hon'ble NGT order dated 29.6.2020 passed in OA No. 673 of 2018 and apprised members of Task Team that CPCB Task Team had approved action plans of 61 out of 61 Polluted River Stretches (PRS) in respect of P-I and P-II categories pertaining to 18 States and 02 UTs. Further, subsequent to Hon'ble NGT order dated 06.12.2019, till date, CPCB Task Team have already approved 108 out of 115 action plans of P-III and P-IV category PRS in respect of 22 States and 01 UT. Remaining 7 action plans in respect of two States viz. Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand are proposed for review in the meeting.

Thereafter, Sh. A. Sudhakar, DH, WQM-I mentioned that the action plans have already been reviewed three or four times. He also added that progress of action plans of all States is already being reviewed by Central Monitoring Committee (CMC). Therefore, two States may only present the changes made in the revised action plans as per the suggestions made by the CPCB Task Team members briefly providing the current status on implementation of the action plans.

Upon detailed deliberations by the Task Team committee members, the recommendations of the task team on the action plans proposed based on the PowerPoint presentation made by the respective State are detailed below.

S No	Name of State	Observations/ suggestions of Task Team	Recommendations of the Task Team
1	Chhattisgarh	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Latest water quality data of Rivers (General, Biological, Heavy metals) be added. Water quality w.r.t. Fecal Coliform, Total Coliform and Fecal Streptococci also be included.• Flow of Rivers provided for the year 2017-18, information may be updated.	Recommended subject to conditions

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action plans to be finalized based on the detailed gap analysis and also considering the septage management • Action plans for other aspects such as flood plain zone protection, setting up of biodiversity parks also be included • Status on initiation of activities such as in-situ bioremediation, bio-mining of existing dumpsites also be included • Timelines for all action plans to be revised in line with the Hon'ble NGT order. 	
2	Jharkhand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest water quality of rivers for all parameters including heavy metals also be included in the action plan. • For Rain water harvesting, current status, target and timeline be specified. • Gap projected w.r.t. Sewage management be reviewed and generation from rural areas also be added and projected upto 15years. • Action plan for septage management be included • Sewage management of adityapur area and other industrial areas including mining activities be included in the action plan • Timelines for all action plans to be revised in line with the Hon'ble NGT order. 	Recommended subject to conditions

CPCB Task Team also suggested that

1. Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand State are requested to update the action plans which have been approved subject to conditions within ten days and upload on SPCB website or State Government Website. Web link details for the action plans be provided to CPCB.
2. Also, every State/UT in the first instance must ensure that at least one polluted river stretch in each category is restored so as to meet bathing water quality standards. This may serve as a model for restoring the remaining stretches for ensuring compliance to the Hon'ble NGT directions dated 29.06.2020 passed in OA No. 673 of 2018 and arrange to provide the compliance status in this regard to MoJS and CPCB. Also, states which require additional time beyond the timelines specified by Hon'ble NGT, such States/UTs have to file a reply affidavit before Hon'ble NGT seeking additional time for ensuring compliance to Hon'ble NGT directions.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

List of Participants

1. Dr. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, CPCB & Chairman, Task Team
2. Sh. Sundeep, Scientist 'F', MoEF&CC (Representative of MoEF & CC)
3. Sh. A. Sudhakar, Scientist 'E', CPCB (Member, Task Team)
4. Sh. Rohit Kakkar, Deputy Advisor (CPHEEO), MoHUA (Member, Task Team)
5. Sh. Brijesh Sikka, Senior Consultant, NMCG (Representative of MoJS/NMCG)
6. Sh. J. Chandra Babu, Scientist 'E', CPCB (Member Convener)
7. Ms. Deepty Goyal, SRF, CPCB
8. Ms. Deepa Kumari, JRF, CPCB

Officials of States –

1. Chhattisgarh
2. Jharkhand