



## **Central Pollution Control Board**

(Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India)

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### **Minutes of First meeting of the 'Task Team' held on 14.12.2018 in CPCB for Ensuring Compliance to Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principal Bench, New Delhi order dated 20.09.2018 in O.A No 673 of 2018 in the matter of news item published in 'THE HINDU' Titled "More river stretches are now critically polluted: CPCB"**

First meeting of the '**Task Team**' constituted in compliance to Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principal Bench, New Delhi order dated 20.09.2018 was held on 14.12.2018 in 'Committee Room, V Floor, CPCB' under the Chairmanship of Dr. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, CPCB. The meeting was attended by the officials of MOHUA, NMCG, MoEF & CC & CPCB. The list of officials who attended the meeting is annexed (**Annexure-I**).

Shri A.Sudhakar, DH, WQM-I, CPCB, welcomed all the officials and members of the Task Team for attending the meeting. Thereafter, Shri J. Chandra Babu, Scientist 'D', WQM-I and Member Convener of the Task Team informed the salient points of Hon'ble NGT order dated 20.09.2018 that all the concerned States and Union Territories are directed to prepare action plans within two months for bringing all the identified polluted river stretches to be fit at least for bathing purposes (i.e., BOD < 3 mg/L and FC < 500 MPN/100 ml) within six months from the date of finalization of the action plans. The action plans are required to be prepared for the identified polluted river stretches by the four-member Committee i.e., 'River Rejuvenation Committee' (RRC) to be constituted by the respective State Government or Union Territory Administration, which will function under overall supervision and coordination of 'Principal Secretary, Environment of the concerned State/Union Territory'. The RRC will also be the Monitoring Committee for execution of the action plan. Further, he also informed the Task Team that All States and Union Territories are required to send a copy of Action Plan to CPCB especially w.r.to Priority I & Priority II stretches for approval and thereafter Action Plans may be subjected to a random scrutiny by a task team of the CPCB. He also informed the members of the Task Team that there are 61 out of 351 identified polluted river stretches falling in Priority-I and Priority-II categories located in 18 States and 02 UTs.

In response to a query of Dr. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, CPCB and Chairman of the Task Team with regard to the status of action plans received so far from States, Shri J.C.Babu informed that till 13.12.2015, CPCB is in receipt of action plans from the State of Assam (01 no. of polluted river stretch), Chhattisgarh (05 no. of polluted river stretches), Madhya Pradesh (04

no. of polluted river stretches), Kerala (01 no. of polluted river) and Karnataka (17 no. of polluted river stretches). However, the action plans submitted by M.P and Kerala, fall in Priority-I and Priority-II categories.

Chairman of the Task Team stated that it is important to formulate a criteria or check list to facilitate review of plans received from States and uniform process of approval since Hindon action plan is already available therefore action plans submitted by the concerned States/UTs can be randomly scrutinized keeping the Hindon model action plan as basis. Shri Sandeep, Director, NMCG pointed out that in the base model some value addition can be done to improvise and make the action plan feasible and can achieve the desired objectives. He also emphasized the role of Task Team for pragmatic approach in examining and approving the plan being submitted by respective States. He is also of the opinion that the plans submitted by the States which are reasonable and feasible such action plans should be considered for approval. Sh. Lalit Bokolia, Additional Director, MoEF & CC supplemented and informed that the efforts of Chhattisgarh State in preparing the comprehensive action plan are appreciated. However, the action plans are lacking with respect to the financial estimates and are required for action plans.

Upon deliberations, following decisions were taken by the Task Team: -

- (i) Check list or criteria for evaluation of plans to be finalized by WQM-I Division as per recommendations of the Task Team members and same is circulated to all the members of the Task Team for providing the views or suggestions within a week.
- (ii) It was noted that the RRC constituted by the State Governments/UT Administrations are required to file the status report by 15.12.2018 to Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT). The Task Team suggested to prepare a note (status on the RRCs constituted by the States/UTs, actions plans prepared and submitted by the States till 15.12.2018 as well as initiatives taken by CPCB), and
- (iii) Comments on the action plans so far received also be prepared and placed in the next meeting of the Task Team for consideration and next meeting of the Task Team should be organized either in last week of December 2018 or First week of January 2019.

The meeting ended with the thanks to the Chair.

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**Annexure-I****List of Participants**

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