



CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

(Water Quality Monitoring Division-I)

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Ninth Task Team Meeting for ensuring compliance to Hon’ble NGT order dated 6.12.2019 in O. A. No. 673/2018 in the matter of news item published in ‘The Hindu’ titled “More river stretches are now critically polluted: CPCB”

Ninth Task Team meeting was held on 27th December, 2019 in CPCB under the Chairmanship of Member Secretary, CPCB. The meeting was convened to review revised action plan for rejuvenation of River Yamuna in Delhi stretch along with action plans with respect to Priority III – IV polluted river stretches prepared by 4 States viz Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh & Goa in compliance to Hon’ble NGT order dated 6.12.2019. Officials from Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board did not attend the meeting and whereas Bihar SPCB requested to present the action plans through Video Conference. List of Officials attended the meeting is given in **Annexure I**.

Dr. Prashant Gargava, Chairman of the Task Team & Member Secretary, CPCB welcomed all the members of Task Team and the officials of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Goa & Delhi States. Sh. J.C. Babu, Additional Director briefed about the latest order dated 6.12.2019 passed by Hon’ble NGT in O. A. No 673/2018. Sh. J. C. Babu also informed committee that now as per the latest NGT order, CPCB Task Team is also required to approve action plans pertaining to P-III to P- IV submitted by the concerned States/UTs by 31.03.2020. However, there is no change in timelines for implementation of action plans i.e. to be complied by 31.3.2021. Thereafter, he requested representatives of State Boards/ State Government/ UT administration officials to present detailed action plans proposed for rejuvenation of the identified polluted river stretches in the respective State/UT. The representatives from Bihar, Delhi & Andhra Pradesh presented action plans and the Task Team reviewed the action plans.

Representative of Goa informed that revised action plans (on approval from RRC-Goa) will be submitted by 2nd/3rd week of January 2020 to CPCB.

Upon detailed deliberations, State-wise suggestions made by Task Team are detailed in the table below:

| SNo. | State | Details of polluted River Stretches | Observations of the Task Team | Recommendations of the Task Team |
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| 1 | Bihar | River-Sirsia Priority Class-III | Bihar Govt is required to prepare separate action plans for each river stretch. Following aspects are required to be included in action plans: 1. Sewage generation to be estimated based on projected population 2. For planned or ongoing projects, exact timelines in dates to be provided for completion of projects. 3. As the water quality of rivers depict low BOD and high Fecal and Total Coliform, management of domestic Sewage to be emphasized in the form of action plans with timelines 4. Gap analysis to be done for entire stretch instead of town wise for all the polluted rivers 5. Latest water quality of River stretches, tributaries and drains, with flow of drains be | Action plans are required to be prepared and submitted to CPCB by 20.1.2020. |

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| | | | <p>included</p> <p>6. In cases where plastic waste, hazardous waste, C&D waste, e-waste treatment facilities are unavailable, development of facilities also be included as a part of action plans.</p> <p>7. Action plans to incorporate and address the issues identified based on detailed gap analysis wrt sewage, industrial effluent, waste (s) management</p> <p>8. Action plans shall cover all other aspects such as E-flow, Flood Plain Zone protection, ground water recharge, rain water harvesting, bio-diversity parks, removal of encroachments & Interception and Diversion of sewage/industrial effluent carrying drains as per Hon'ble NGT orders dated 20.9.2018, 19.12.2018, 8.4.2019 & 6.12.2019</p> | |
| 2 | Delhi | River- Yamuna Priority Class- I | <p>Action plan of River Yamuna submitted by Delhi Govt is not in line with latest NGT order dated 6.12.2019 wherein NGT directed Delhi Government to follow the action points delineated in the order of Hon'ble NGT dated 11.09.2019 in O.A. No. 06/2012 in which time bound action plans are stated along with implementing agencies.</p> <p>Action plan submitted by Delhi Govt should also review covering following aspects</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sewage generation stated in the action plan is calculated only on the basis of water Supply by DJB but not considering ground water consumption, projected population, floating population into account. 2. Sewage generation fixed by DJB as 720 MGD till Dec 2022 based on the water supply by DJB which needs to be revised considering increase in population over the years and ground water drawn by the population on their own. 3. Till proper facilities commissioned, interim measures for providing in-situ remediation of drains may be initiated in line with Hon'ble NGT order. 4. DJB's Sewerage action plan of 2031 may be divided into 5 year plans for better monitoring 5. Provisions to be included for 100% utilization of installed CETPs. 6. For solid waste management, door-to-door collection, segregation, transportation, treatment, disposal, remedial aspects such as bio-mining to be included 7. In cases where plastic waste, hazardous waste, C&D waste, e-waste treatment facilities are unavailable, use of facilities available in neighboring states may also be included till the facilities become operational in Delhi. | <p>Delhi Govt. to submit revised action plan in line covering all aspects as per latest NGT order dated 6.12.2019 by 20.1.2020 to CPCB.</p> |

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| | | | <p>8. For Plastic waste management, details of recyclable and non-recyclable waste be quantified along with facilities available for disposal.</p> <p>9. A map showing all interceptor drains also be included & detailed elaborately.</p> <p>10. All existing STPs should be ensured to operate at 100% utilization by way of proper I&D provision</p> <p>11. Industrial areas where dry units are located, such areas may be declared that only dry units are allowed with captive STPs only & no need for CETPs</p> <p>12. 24 areas notified as redevelopment areas for which action plans to be included</p> <p>13. All natural drains to be ensured to carry only storm water but not sewage/ industrial effluent</p> <p>14. Action plans covering all aspects as per Hon'ble NGT order passed in O. A. No 673/2018 & O. A. No 6/2012 to be included.</p> | |
| 3 | Andhra Pradesh | <p>River- Kundu Priority Class- IV</p> <p>River- Tungabhadra Priority Class- IV</p> | <p>Action plan submitted by Andhra Pradesh Govt is based on preliminary information compiled by AP Pollution Control Board.</p> <p>The action plans are to address all issues related to river pollution by concerned departments of AP Govt as per NGT orders dated 20.9.2018, 19.12.2018, 8.4.2019 and 6.12.2019. The action plans are to be reviewed and approved by RRC constituted by AP Govt.</p> | <p>Action plans are required to be revised and submitted to CPCB after approval by RRC</p> |

It was suggested to all the States/UTs to modify the action plans as per suggestions of the Task Team as well as covering all aspects as per Hon'ble NGT orders dated 20.09.2018, 19.12.2018, 8.4.2019 & 6.12.2019 by the concerned departments in the States/UTs and to seek approval of RRC constituted in the respective States or UTs, CPCB Task Team will consider only such approved action plans. RRC may designate one nodal officer / senior officer involved in preparation of action plans & only be deputed for presentation before CPCB Task Team henceforth.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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