

**CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
NATIONAL AIR QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAMME (NAMP)  
Air Quality Monitoring Station Inspection Report**

**PART A: GENERAL**

1	Name of the State	<b>Tamilnadu</b>
2	Name of the city/town	<b>Chennai - Ambattur</b>
3	Name and address of State Pollution Control Board/Pollution Control Committee / Other Agency :	Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board, 76, Mount Road, Guindy, Chennai - 600032
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	Website address	www.tnpcb.gov.in
	Telephone no;	044 - 26246522, 26880130
	Fax no.	--
4	Name and designation of Regional Officer/ Contact person	Dr. S. Rajan, District Environmental Officer
5	Name and designation of Station Incharge Contact telephone no., e-mail and fax	Dr. S. Sukumar, Chief Scientific Officer, Mob.No.: 8056042153, & email ID.: <a href="mailto:sukumartnpcb@gmail.com">sukumartnpcb@gmail.com</a> 044 - 26350560

**PART B: EVALUATION OF MONITORING STATION**

Sl. No.	Descriptions	Station code no. 38	Station code no. 72	Station code no. 71
1	Name and detail address of the monitoring station	Primary Health Centre, Ennore, Chennai – 600 056	Zonal Office (1), Chennai Corporation, Thiruvotriyur High Road,	Government Higher Secondary School, Manali, Chennai – 600 068

			Thiruvotriyur, Chennai – 600 019	
2	Type of Area Residential, rural and other areas/ Industrial/ Sensitive	Industrial	Residential	Residential
	In case of other areas, please specify whether traffic intersection, commercial area etc.	Located in commercial lane fully surrounded by the industries	Located on a busy road, where heavy vehicle Traffic is high. Vivinity area are covered by dwelling units	Located in a Commercial lane and fully covered by dwelling units
	In case of sensitive area, please specify details for declaring the area sensitive	No	No	No
3	Whether any obstacles are present near the site/location such as trees, buildings etc. if yes	No	No	No
	Distance from site	NA	NA	NA
4	Type of obstacle	NA	NA	NA
	If no, whether the site is open from all Sides/or three sides (indicate yes/no)	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Type and sources of pollution :	Vehicular emission	Vehicular emission	Vehicular emission
<b>a.</b>	<b>Industrial Sources</b>			
	(i) Point source such as stack of any Industry mention the details and distance of point source from the site.	Fully surrounded by Thermal Power Plants, Fertilizer Unit, Foundary and Bulk drug unit. One Km	On North Universal Corborandum, MRF and Royal Enfield Units and West, Manali Industrial estate is located at a dist. Of 1.5 and 1 km.	Manali Industrial Estate is spread from SE to NW at a distance of one km.
	(ii) Aerial distance of any industrial estate from the existing site	One KM	One KM	One KM

	(iii) If there is industrial area within the radius of 1km the details there off:		No	No
	- Type of industries	Thermal Power Plants, Fertilizer and Foundary	Petrochemicals, Carborandum, Automobiles & Rubber industry.	Petrochemicals.
	- Product Manufactured	Power – 60*3, 600*2 & 1600* 2. Fertilizer. Casting of Heavy Vehicles engine casings	Petro products, Carborandum, Motor Bike and Tyres	Petro products
	- Raw Materials/ fuel used	Coal,	Petrochemicals & Carbon	Petrochemicals
	- Expected quantity of emissions	PM, Nox & SO2	PM, VOC, Nox & SO2	PM, VOC, Nox & SO2
	Whether DG sets used (give details)	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>b.</b>	<b>Vehicular Sources:</b>			
	(a) Sources such as vehicular traffic or traffic interactions etc. Mention the details and distance of source from the site.	Moderate heavy vehicle traffic is observed. curb side	High traffic area including Buses and Trucks. curb side	High Heavy vehicular traffic. Manali expressway is on North at 1.5 Km dist., where heavy vehicle traffic is observed to and from Chennai and Ennore Port.
	(b) Source of natural dust from Road, Resuspension of dust/or Other activity mention the details and distance from existing site	NO	Yes.	No
	(c) Whether any kind of open burning takes place near the site (indicate yes or no and give details)	NO	No	No

	(d) Any other source such as engine gensets or information regarding sources of pollution	NIL	Nil	No
5	Description of the nearby locality including: existing site			
	(a) If there is commercial area within the radius of 1 km, the details may be furnished;	The station is located in a commercial lane	The station is located in a very busy commercial lane	The station is located in a commercial lane
	Type of shops	Retail	Retail and offices	Retail
	➤ Whether they use and kind of fuel & their quality	LPG	LPG	LPG
	Whether they use any generator sets etc.	Yes	Yes	Yes
	(b) If there is any sensitive area due to following reasons (indicate yes or no and specify reason)	No	No	No. The station is functioning within a school premises.
	➤ 10 kms all around the periphery of health resorts that are notified	No	No	No
	➤ 10 kms all around the periphery of biosphere reserves, sanctuaries and national parks, that are notified	No	No	No
	➤ 5 kms all around the periphery of an archeological monument declared to be of national importance or otherwise that are notified	No	No	No
	➤ Areas which are delicate or sensitive to air pollution in terms of important agricultural / horticultural crops grown in that area and accordingly notified	No	No	NO
	➤ 5 kms around the periphery of	Sea bed is 500 mts way on	Sea bed is 200 mts way	No

	centers of tourism and/or pilgrim due to their religious, historical, scenic or other attractions, that are notified	east of the site.	on east of the site.	
6	Height of instrument above ground level (in m)	8	10	8
7	Position of Monitoring Instrument/Equipment at the present site (kindly indicate whether the instrument is on building terrace/ on any kind of substrate /On any House Balcony /On any confined place etc.)	On building terrace.	On building terrace.	On building terrace.
8	Whether any obstacle/or trees present near the present site that are above the height of sampling devices ( such as HVS/RDS etc.) Kindly indicate Yes/No, if yes mention the details.	No	No	No.
9	Whether the distance of the instrument to any air flow obstacle i.e. buildings, is more than two times the height of the obstacle above the sampler. (kindly indicate yes or no)	No	No	No
10	Whether the sampling equipment is provided with proper safety and security against loss or tampering (kindly indicate Yes or No, if yes give details)	Yes	Yes	Yes
11	Whether the sampler is 20 m away from trees (kindly indicate yes or no)	Yes	Yes	Yes
12	Whether there is unrestricted airflow in three of four quadrants (kindly indicate yes or no)	Yes	Yes	Yes

13	Whether there are any nearby furnace or incinerator fumes. (kindly indicate yes or no)	No	No	No
14	Whether the station/location is away at least 25 meter from domestic chimneys particularly if the chimneys are lower than the sampling point/stations Kindly indicate yes or no.	Yes	Yes	Yes
15	Whether the station is away from absorbing surface. (Kindly indicate Yes or No)	Yes	Yes	Yes. But a Neem tree is coming up at a distance of 15 feet.
16	Whether the present site is the representative of the area selected Yes/No, if no provide details	Yes	Yes	Yes
17	Whether the station is established in the area where considerable rebuilding or land use Changes are foreseen in the near future. Yes/No., If yes provide details.	No	Yes. Rebuilding process is going on.	No
18	Whether the present site is fulfilling one or more of the following physical requirements (Kindly indicate yes or no)			
	(i) Available for a long period;	Yes	Yes.	Yes
	(ii) Accessible any time through out the year Including rainy season	Yes	Yes	Yes
	(iii) Electrical power of sufficient rating and their full availability.	Yes	Yes	Yes
	(iv) Vandal Proof.	Yes	Yes	Yes
	(v) Protected from extreme of temperature especially in summer season	Yes	Yes	Yes
19	Whether the topographical and Micro Meteorological data of area should be taken into consideration for determining the distance of the sampler from the stack: (kindly indicate NA / Yes / No, if yes provide details.	NA	NA	NA

20	Whether the stack heights is being used as a guideline distance in case of elevated sources on a flat terrain. (kindly indicate NA / Yes / No) , If yes please elaborate	NA	NA	NA
21	Whether the station is fulfilling the meteorological and topographical considerations?			
	a) Station very close to topographic features- (kindly indicate Mountails / valleys / Rivers / Terrain / lakes / and oceans/or none of these)	Ocean at a distance of 500 mts	Ocean at a distance of 200 mts.	Ocean at a distance of 1.5 Km.
	b) Whether the possibility of Katabatic (upslope) and anabatic ( down slope) winds affecting the station due to Mountainous/ Rolling/just slightly terrain etc.? (Kindly indicate yes or no)	No	No	No
	c) if yes sketch out the station with Mountain/terrain etc. including distance of station with these topographical features?	NA	NA	NA
22	Whether the winds causing day time heating and night time cooling depending upon terrain and the time of onset and intensity of these winds are existing at the station? If yes, please elaborate the statement made above to justify the possibility of local winds into a preferred direction flow, which may cause mountain gap wind? If not the situation above then state not applicable (NA): Statement by the observer, if yes:-	NA	NA	NA
23	Whether the land-sea breeze circulation exists in the present station which dominates the local wind patterns and possibility of the same polluted air re-circulates over an area more than once either from the sea breeze circulation cell or from any wind changes occurring due to a combination of the Meteorological features? Not applicable/Yes/No., if yes pl elaborate?	No	No	No
24	the station having nearby Mountaneous/ or hilly terrain which can cause mesoscale precipitation patterns and may affect local pollution concentration through washout? If such	No	No	No

	situation exists, State the predictable patterns?			
25	Whether the station in URBAN/sub urban/or Rural environs. In addition to this, whether the station is purely in residential/Industrial/ commercial and sensitive area? Please elaborate below:-	Sub Urban	Urban	Sub Urban

**PART C : FIELD EQUIPMENTS AND FACILITIES EVALUATION:**

			Station code no. 38	Station code no. 72	Station code no. 71
1	Type of available instrument, at site whether HVS/RDS etc. and their number ( including stand by)	HVS RDS PM2.5	-- 1 1	-- 1 --	-- 1 --
2	Type of available instrument, at laboratory whether HVS/ RDS etc. and their number (including stand by)	HVS RDS PM2.5	-- 2 --		
3	Defective equipment	RDS	--		
4	Monitoring equipment details:				
	Make	Envirotech	Envirotech	Envirotech	
	Model	APM 460 NL & 550 EL	APM 460 NL	APM 460 NL	
	Year of Purchase	2005/2014	2005	2005	
	Performance	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	
	Number available	1/1	1	1	
	Calibration of Orifice	No	No	No	
	Calibration of Time totalizer	No	No	No	
	Calibration of Rotameter	No	No	No	
	Calibration of Meteorological instruments	No	No	No	
5	Regular troubleshooting encountered such as (Kindly indicate yes or no)				



	➤ Neon lamp fails to glow	No	No	No
	➤ Vaccum pump fails	No	No	No
	➤ Blower speed is erratic indicated by varying flow rate.	No	No	No
	➤ Odd sound of the blower	No	No	No
	➤ Frequent fuse blow out	No	No	No
	➤ Frequent brush Wear out	No	No	No
	➤ Times of timer and timer totalizer do not tally	No	No	No
	➤ Carbon brush is not going freely inside the brush holder	No	No	No
	➤ Flow meter does not show flow when connected to inlet of impinger having visible Air bubble	No	No	No
	➤ Whether flow is 1232 lpm	1060 lpm	--	--
	➤ Whether flow varies drastically	No	No	No
6	In case above mentioned problems are encountered then also kindly indicate the remedies taken to prevent above mentioned problems.			
7	Whether sampling is carried out for 8 –hours for SPM and RSPM and 4-hours for SO <sub>2</sub> and NO <sub>2</sub> . If No then kindly mention reasons	Yes	Yes	Yes
8	Whether reagent storage in field (Proper or improper)	Proper	Proper	Proper
9	In case reagent storage in field is improper then mention details	NA	NA	NA

10	Whether on-site analysis is being done or samples were transported to the Central laboratory?	Transported to District Envl. Lab, Ambattur, Chennai	Transported to District Envl. Lab, Ambattur, Chennai	Transported to District Envl. Lab, Ambattur, Chennai
11	In case on site analysis is done mention facilities present on site	NA	NA	NA
12	In case samples transported to laboratory then mention following details.			
	(a) Distance of site to laboratory	15 KM	15 KM	10 KM
	(b) Whether ice box available (kindly indicate yes or no)	Monitoring bag	Monitoring bag	Monitoring bag
	(c) Whether vehicle available to transport samples (kindly indicate yes or no)	Personal transport (Two Wheeler)	Personal transport (Two Wheeler)	Personal transport (Two Wheeler)
	(d) Whether samples are kept at site in ice box after sampling	No	No	No
13	<b>Filter paper</b>			
	(a) Whether filter paper used is of good quality (having better mechanical stability, chemical stability, particle sampling efficiency, flow resistance, cost and availability etc.) (Kindly indicate yes or no)	Yes	Yes	Yes
	(b) Make of filter paper	Whatman	Whatman	Whatman
	(c) Whether Filter is mounted properly on the support screen with the rough side of the filter facing upwards. (Kindly indicate yes or no)	Yes	Yes	Yes

(d) Whether the wing nuts are tightened properly to avoid any leakage. (Kindly indicate yes or no)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Whether the wing nuts are tightened properly to avoid any leakage	Yes	Yes	Yes
(e) Whether filter paper is preweighed after conditioning in dessicator for 24 hrs (Kindly indicate yes or no) *Filter paper should not be oven dried as volatile matter will be lost	Yes	Yes	Yes
(f) Whether distilled water is used in manometer tube and water is changed every fortnightly and zero level is checked every time. (Kindly indicate yes or no)	Yes	Yes	Yes
(g) Whether Ice is kept in the sampling tray during sampling (Kindly indicate yes or no)	Thermoelectrically controlled Impinger box is used.	Thermoelectrically controlled Impinger box is used.	Thermoelectrically controlled Impinger box is used.

## PART D : LABORATORY INSTRUMENTS EVALUATION

### 1. Balance

Type (Single pan/double pan/digital/others)	Accuracy & Precision	Readability (gm/mg)	Make and model, Year of Purchase	Performance (Satisfactory/unsatisfactory)	Last Calibration done	Numbers Available
Single Pan / Digital	0.01 mg / 0.01	5 decimals	Mettler AT 261 Delta	Satisfactory	Not done	One

	mg		Range 2002			
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### 2. Spectrophotometer

Make and model	Year of Purchase	Display (Analog/digital/ others)	Performance (Satisfactory/unsatisfactory)	Last Calibration done	Numbers Available
Chemito 2100	2002	Digital	Satisfactory	Not done	one

### 3. Hot Air Oven

Make and model	Year of Purchase	Temperature Range	Performance (Satisfactory/unsatisfactory)	Last Temp. Calibration done	Numbers Available
Hitech, Chennai	1990	0 – 250 °C	Satisfactory	Not done	Two

### 4. Refrigerator

Make and model, Year of Purchase	Capacity	Cooling Status (inner chamber/freezer) (Satisfactory/unsatisfactory)	Performance (Satisfactory/unsatisfactory)	Numbers Available
Samsung, RT 29 & 2009	280 lts.	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	One

### 5. Dessicator

Make and model, Year of Purchase	Type (Glass/propylene /others)	Dessicant Used	Performance (Satisfactory/unsatisfactory)	Frequency of changing the dessicant	Numbers Available

Borosil & 1989	Glass	Silica gel	Satisfactory	Recharging Weekly	One
Imported & 1991	Acrylic				One

6. Availability of Distilled water briefly: (kindly indicate yes or no)	Yes
(a) Purchased from outside (kindly indicate yes or no)	No
➤ Electrical conductivity	
(b) Produced through own distillation assembly (Kindly indicate yes or no)	Yes
➤ Electrical conductivity	
➤ Produced through (Kindly indicate Single/Double distilled)	Double Distilled
<b>7. Analytical Methods used :</b>	
<b>a) Sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)</b>	
Whether Modified West and Gaeke Method Is used (Kindly indicate yes or no) Others (please specify)	Yes
<b>b) Nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)</b>	
Whether Sodium Arsenite Method Is used (Kindly indicate yes or no) Others (please specify)	Yes
<b>c) Respirable Suspended Particulate Matter (RSPM)</b>	
Whether Cyclonic Flow Technique Is used (Kindly indicate yes or no) Others (please specify)	Yes
<b>d) Suspended Particulate Matter (SPM)</b>	
Whether High Volume Sampling Method (Gravimetric) Is used (Kindly indicate yes or no) Others (please specify)	NA
8. Kindly indicate yes or NO or as the case may be for following items:	

➤ Availability of all chemical	Yes
➤ Availability of Absorbing Media	Yes
➤ Please state date of preparation (AM)	21/08/14
➤ Please state Assay performed if any for required chemicals	No
➤ Whether prepared absorbing Media Properly stored or not	Yes
➤ Whether stock solutions prepared? State their date of preparation	Yes
➤ Whether working solutions prepared, state their date of preparation	Prepared freshly
➤ Whether silica gel bottle is kept in weighing chamber to avoid error while weighing.	No
➤ Whether properly clean glassware are used.	Yes
➤ Whether one set of glassware is calibrated as per requirement.	No
➤ Whether all critical chemicals must are of analytical Grade	Yes
➤ Whether double distilled or nanopure water is used for preparation of reagents and analysis	Yes
➤ Whether glassware and storage bottles are rinsed with distilled water and chemicals respectively.	Yes
➤ Whether reagent bottles are properly marked by name, strength and date of preparation, expiry date and initial of chemist who has prepared the reagent.	Yes
➤ Whether desiccant in the dessicator are changed as per requirements	Yes
➤ Whether the chemicals whose strength changes with time are standardized before use.	Yes
➤ Whether calibration graphs are made every time a new stock solution is prepared.	Yes
➤ Whether reagent bottles are made air tight before storage	Yes
➤ Whether key reagents are prepared fresh on the date of analysis.	Yes

➤ Whether storage of chemicals are done as per recommendations like away from sunlight etc.	Yes
➤ Whether the analytical balance has sensitivity of 0.1 mg or better.	Yes
➤ Whether sample are preserved during sampling	No
➤ Whether sample are preserved during transport	No
➤ Whether sample are preserved after receiving in laboratory.	Yes
➤ Whether immediate analysis after transportation is being done.	Yes
If all above points not followed, please give your comment briefly	NA
9. IF RSPM is not being measured, please state briefly reasons	NA
10. Data generation, calculation and reporting as per Forms (A) to (E)	Yes
(a) Whether data calculations is correct (Kindly indicate yes or no)	Yes
Whether 104 observations is being generated in a year if not state reasons briefly and average observations in a week	Yes
b) Whether data reporting is correct (if improper, State reasons regarding delay etc)	Yes
➤ Whether the values are reported above the detection limit as per the method.	Yes
➤ Whether SPM/RSPM values which are very high are reported in round figures (without decimal place).	Yes
➤ Whether any outlier values found are checked for contamination of sample, sudden change of environmental conditions in the vicinity of the monitoring site etc. and discarded if necessary.	Yes
➤ Whether Bills as per Form E are sent alongwith data	Yes
<b>D Computer and Other Facilities</b>	
➤ Whether calculations are performed using computer	Yes
➤ Whether computer is available in the laboratory mention make and model	Yes

➤ Whether internet and e-mail facility exist in the office	Yes
➤ Whether software of CPCB for data entry exist and data sent via e-mail mention e-mail add and website address	No
➤ Whether data entry operator is there for entering into computer	No
➤ Is data sent to Head Office and then to CPCB or directly to CPCB	Through HO
➤ Whether data is entered using online entry in the software Environmental Data Bank of CPCB. If not then kindly mention reasons	Yes
➤ <b>In case above mentioned facilities of computer, internet, e-mail etc. are not available then kindly mention details</b>	NA

## E MANPOWER AND ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATION

### (1) Sampling

Sl. No.	Name of the Staff	Designation	Qualifications	Salary in Rs.	Experience in Sampling	Experience in Analysis	Whether Competent (indicate yes or no)
1	M.G.Sekar	Field Assistant	S.S.L.C	45860	16 YRS	Nil	Yes
2	K.T.H.M.M.Khader	Field Assistant	S.S.L.C	45860	12 YRS	Nil	Yes
3	C.Chandran	Field Assistant	H.SC	45860	12 YRS	Nil	Yes
4	S.Daniel D'cruz	Field Assistant	H.SC FAILED	48760	12 YRS	Nil	Yes
5	L.Ramesh Babu	Field Assistant	S.S.L.C	35080	10 YRS	Nil	Yes



**(2) Analysis, Data Reporting, Data Checking and Validation**

Sl. No.	Name of the Staff	Designation	Qualifications	Salary in Rs.	Experience in Sampling	Experience in Analysis	Whether Competent (Indicate Yes or No)
1	Ttmt. R.Poyyamozi	Jr. Env. Scientist	B.SC	72920	10 YRS	10 YRS	Yes
2	K.Mathiyalagan	Jr. Env. Scientist	B.SC	54432	6YRS	6YRS	Yes

During above assessment do you feel that personnel require further training on ambient air quality monitoring; please name the person with details and which areas of monitoring the training is required?	No
3. Do you feel any other problem with persons involved in Ambient Air Quality Monitoring work, please comment briefly:	Nil
4. Other administrative problem at Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations? Please state briefly para wise as mentioned below	
(i) Whether funds are received on time? Whether there is shortage of Funds, Whether SPCB is contributing its share as applicable. Mention problems if any.	Yes
(ii) Whether purchasing of chemicals etc is done centrally or by Regional Office Mention problems if any	Nil
(iii) In case purchasing is done by head office, then whether filter paper, chemical are received on time? Mention problems if any	Yes
5) Whether any defective instrument/equipment need to be replaced?	Yes. Two equipments are to be replaced
6) Whether you feel it is necessary to provide any more number of equipments?	No
7) Whether there is delay in procurement of spare parts etc. repairing of instrument?	No

8) Any other problems, remarks/ comments?	Nil
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**Other observations of Inspection team :**

- i) Laboratory instruments as well as field Instruments viz RDS and PM2.5 were found not calibrated. All field Instruments were found quite old and required to be replace with new instruments.
- (ii) NAMP station (SC -38) at Ennore found located in the Ennore town ship area to represent the industrial activity, Hence it is required to monitor the predominate wind directions to ensure the purpose of station located to cover the industrial activities of the area.
- (iii) NAMP station (SC – 72) at Thiruvottiyur found representing the residential, commercial and moderate traffic intersection.
- (iv) NAMP station (SC- 71) at Manali found located in the Manali village to represent the industrial activity, Hence it is required to monitor the predominate wind directions to ensure the purpose of station located to cover the industrial activities of the area.

**Signature of Inspection Team:**

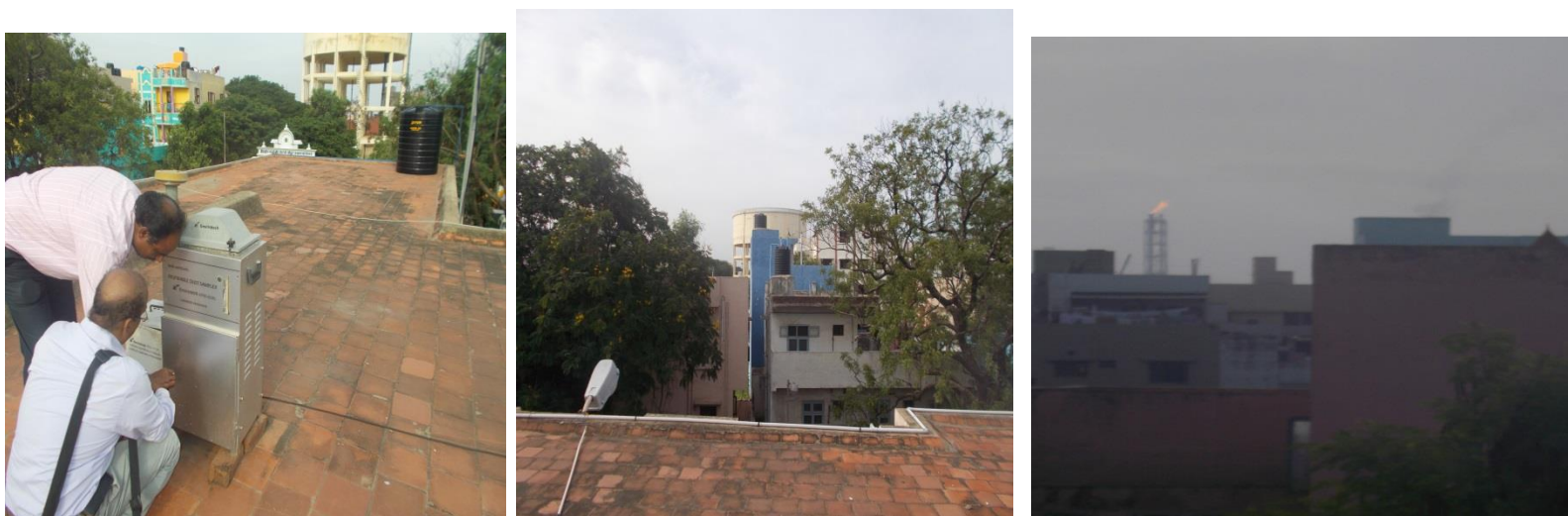
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**Photo graphs showing NAMP stations located in Chennai – TNPCB regional Laboratory, Ambattur**



**Fig no. 1 : NAMP station located in Ennore (SC -38) - Residential & Institutional area**



**Fig no. 2 : NAMP station located in Thiruvottiyur (SC -72) – Mixed ( Residential, Commercial and industrial)**



**Fig no. 3 : NAMP Location located in Manali ( SC-71) – Industrial area**