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To

1. The Additional Chief Secretary, Env. Deptt., Haryana, Chandigarh.
2. The Additional Chief Secretary, Industries Deptt., Haryana, Chandigarh.
3. The Additional Chief Secretary, Health Department, Haryana, Chandigarh.
4. The Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Haryana, Chandigarh.
5. The Additional Chief Secretary, PHED, Haryana, Chandigarh.
6. The Principal Secretary, Irrigation Department, Haryana, Chandigarh.
7. The Principal Secretary, Urban Local Bodies Deptt., Haryana, Chandigarh.
8. The Principal Secretary, Development and Panchayats Deptt., Haryana, Chandigarh.
9. The Principal Secretary, Town and Country Planning Deptt., Haryana Chandigarh.
10. Director, Urban Local Bodies Deptt., Haryana, Panchkula.
11. Director, Environment Department, Chandigarh.
12. Director, Industries Department, Chandigarh.
13. Director, Mines and Geology, 30 Bays Building, Sec-17, Chandigarh.
14. The Chief Executive Officer, GMDA, Gurugram.
15. The Member Secretary, Pond Development Authority, Haryana.
16. Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Faridabad

**Sub: Minutes of the meeting held at 14:30 Hrs on 29.08.2019 under the Chairmanship of Smt. Keshni Anand Aroa, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana in Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh to review the progress in implementation of Action Plans of Yamuna and Ghaggar rivers.**

Sir,

Please refer to the subject noted above.

In this connection, I have been directed to enclose herewith a copy of Minutes of the meeting held at 14:30 Hrs on 29.08.2019 under the Chairmanship of Smt. Keshni Anand Aroa, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana in Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh to review the progress in implementation of Action Plans of Yamuna and Ghaggar rivers for information and further necessary action please.

DA/ As above.

Endst. No. HSPCB/WC/9098-9102

  
Env. Engineer (HQ)  
For Chairman  
Dated: 09-09-2019

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action please.

1. Smt. Shailaja Chandra, IAS (Retd.), Member, RYMC.
2. Sh. B.S. Sanjwan, IFS(Retd.), Member, RYMC.
3. PS to Chief Secretary, Haryana.
4. PS to Chairman, HSPCB.
5. PA to Member Secretary, HSPCB.

DA/ As above

  
Env. Engineer (HQ)  
For Chairman

**Minutes of the meeting held at 1430 Hrs on 29.08.2019 under the Chairmanship of Smt. Keshni Anand Aroa, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana in Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh to review the progress in implementation of Action Plans of Yamuna and Ghaggar rivers**

A meeting was held at 1430 Hrs on 29.08.2019 under the Chairmanship of Smt. Keshni Anand Aroa, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana in the Main Committee Room, 4th Floor, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh to review the progress made in implementing the Action Plans of Yamuna and Ghaggar Rivers, which are being dealt in the cases of OA No. 138-139/2016 (Stench Grips Mansa's Sacred Ghaggar River), OA No. 6/2012 (Manoj Mishra Vs. UOI & Others) and OA No. 673/2018 ('More River Stretches are now critically polluted': CPCB) with senior officers of all stakeholder Departments of the State. The list of participants is at **Annex**.

Chief Secretary welcomed the participants and explained the objectives of the meeting. Member Secretary, Haryana State Pollution Control Board briefly explained the brief of the directions of Hon'ble NGT and Monitoring Committees appointed in the cases relating to cleaning of rivers of Yamuna and Ghaggar. He presented various directions of Hon'ble Tribunal and actions taken by different Departments of the State so far. Chief Secretary was apprised of the fact that the State has already submitted the Action Plan to Hon'ble NGT after taking inputs from all stakeholder departments and consulting River Yamuna Monitoring Committee (RYMC) and Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). Further, an affidavit in the form of status note on the progress made in implementing the plan has been filed in the Tribunal in the current month by Environment Department, it was explained. PHED informed that the State has submitted the Performance Guarantee of Rs.15 Cr to CPCB, as per directions of the Tribunal. Chief Secretary was also apprised on the details of review meetings held so far at different levels of River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC), State Level Committee, RYMC and Executive Committee.

The details of the Status Note, submitted by the State after taking inputs from all Departments, where the details of progress made so far and target dates for completion of remaining works have been provided, were shared

with the participants again and it was also informed that the Hon'ble Tribunal while hearing the case of OA No.6/2012 on 23.08.2019, took note of the State's affidavit and directed the State give 'Specific Timelines, in terms of orders of the Tribunal to Additional Solicitor General of Delhi for compilation, and the orders in this matter will be uploaded on 06.09.2019'. ***Member Secretary, HSPCB requested all the stakeholder Departments to go through the status note again, and indicate any modification on the timelines, if required, along with justifications for the same, latest by 30.08.2019, as the same has to be conveyed to ASG by 02.09.2019, by Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana, as directed by Hon'ble Tribunal.***

The following main issues identified by Environment Department and HSPCB in implementation of the action plans, were flagged for information and discussion.

1. MS, HSPCB informed that none of the RRC Members, except MS (Directors of ULBD, Industries and Environment are other Members) attended the 8 Review Meetings held so far with all stakeholder Departments. He informed that it is against the directions of NGT and the issue needs to be resolved. CS directed that monthly meetings be held at the level of Additional Chief Secretary, Environment Department, with RRC Members and review be taken at ACS level. The absence of any of the Members be brought to her notice, she further directed.
2. The issue of non-supervision of progress of implementation of the plans by concerned Administrative Secretaries on monthly basis was discussed. CS was apprised of the requirement for supervision of target dates at the level of Administrative Secretaries every month. It was decided that Administrative Secretaries of all Departments concerned, shall monitor and review the timelines given for their plans and they will be responsible for any modification of timelines, as such extensions may end up in forfeiture of the performance guarantee submitted by the State.
3. Issue relating to non-supervision of contract staff operating the STPs and CETPs was raised. CS was informed that senior officers at field level are

not ensuring proper functioning of outsourced staff of STPs/CETPs, who, in many places, are technically not competent to operate the plants. Further, it was also informed that not all STPs/CETPs are installed with Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring Systems (OCEMS) and they are not operated properly in many places, where they have already been installed. CS directed that the officer in charge of STP/CETP shall ensure proper functioning of OCEMS in their plants and they will be held accountable for any lapse on the part of outsourced persons for operation of STP/CETP under them. Administrative Secretaries will review the same in their monthly meetings, it was decided. The issue relating to assigning a Supervisory Officer at the level of Administrative Secretary for monitoring the functioning of various Treatment Plants in the State, as advised by RYMC, was raised and it was decided that the Administrative Secretary in charge of the Department concerned shall be responsible for supervision of the plants of their Department.

4. Many of the District Level Task Forces (Special Environment Surveillance Task Force – SESTF), constituted under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioners, for checking of STPs/CETPs, are not conducting inspections, as mandated by Hon'ble Tribunal and Monitoring Committees, it was informed. Chief Secretary directed that the matter may be taken up by ACS (Env) with all DCs concerned.

After discussing the above issues, MS, HSPCB briefly presented the various observations raised by RYMC in their report submitted to Hon'ble NGT. The following were the main points discussed in this regard.

1. Out of 39 STPs which are fully operational presently in the State, only 6 are complying with norms, as per observations of RYMC and main issues observed in these STPs are non-compliance of SOP, uniform flow of sewage, airflow, Mixed Liquor Suspended Solids (MLSS) levels, insufficient sludge generation and its removal, etc. RYMC has further reported that in 43 STPs, which are under upgradation, 10 are under planning stage and 8 are being delayed with flexible target times, it was informed. RYMC has also directed that senior officers of ULBD, PHED and HSVP should monitor the efficacy of STPs and should not leave it to the

mercy of outsourced persons, who have their own financial consideration in operating the plants successfully, complying the norms. RYMC's further directions that operational deficiencies are to be rectified in 3-6 months time and SOPs have to be formulated and strictly complied with were explained to the participants.

2. RYMC's directions to stick to the target lines in case of diversion of sewage in both approved and unapproved areas and to submit a month wise execution plan for monitoring at its level, were conveyed to all Departments for strict compliance.
3. The issue relating to discharge of untreated sewage from some colonies of Panchkula into drains joining river Ghaggar was discussed with ULBD. After learning the issue concerned, CS directed that the matter be brought on file for a final policy decision.
4. A lengthy discussion was held on issues relating to Faridabad, where 300 MLD effluent is being generated and 4 STPs are not functioning, resulting in discharge of untreated effluent into Yamuna. The proposals for upgradation of 3 existing STPs and establishment of 3 new STPs have been examined by RYMC and concerned Departments have been directed to ensure that the target lines are strictly adhered to. MCF informed that the land has been provided for two CETPs and same will be allotted to the third one soon. ULBD and HSVP have to submit date bound action plan for treatment and diversion of sewage from approved and unapproved areas (along with month wise execution plan) for Faridabad, RYMC has further directed, it was informed. Further, the demand of PS ULBD, who informed that Detailed Project Repots have been prepared for STPs and funds may need to be expedited from FD, CS directed that the same be expedited.
5. Similarly, a detailed discussion was held on Gurugram where 408 MLD effluent is generated now which is expected to be 471 in 2023. With the present treatment capacity of 388 MLD (out of which 2 STPs of 68 MLD of Dhanwapur and 50 MLD of Behrampur are under upgradation), MCG has proposed one STP with 13 MLD capacity (by December 2020) and GMDA

has proposed two STPs of 20 MLD (by December, 2021) and 50 MLD (by December, 2023). GMDA has also proposed a CETP of 20 MLD capacity. RYMC has indicated that the target dates for all projects have been extended from time to time and now they will not be provided any further extension after June, 2020. It further directed that detailed action plan for STPs of 20 MLD and 50 MLDs to be submitted to them within one month.

6. CS was also apprised that the plan is yet to be prepared for treatment of effluent from Sector 18, Sector-37 and IDC in Gurugram. HSIIDC informed that HSVP has already taken EDC charge for these areas and therefore the CETPs should be constructed by them only. After discussion, CS directed that HSIIDC shall execute the establishment of CETP for the areas and Administrative Secretaries of both departments shall hold a meeting to resolve the issues.
7. On RYMC's comments on industrial effluent, CS was apprised that there are basic issues of operational and design deficiencies in many of CETPs of the State. It has also indicated that HSIIDC has not acted upon the recommendations of RYMC and has just done cosmetic changes resulting in draining of partially/un treated sewage to the tune of 140 MLD in Yamuna. RYMC has taken a serious note of delay in notification of CETP Rule/ Act by the State, despite repeated instructions. RYMC has also raised issue relating to pollution caused by industrial units in non-conforming areas in Yamuna Nagar and CS directed Industries Department to resolve the issue at the earliest.
8. On RYMC's observation that HSIIDC and HSVP are not serious of the consequence of discharge of untreated effluent in Yamuna, CS directed both the departments to taken serious note and comply with all norms, and submit a report on actions initiated/ taken. RYMC has also directed MD HSIIDC to submit an action plan for upgradation of their CETPs within one month and CS directed the same be complied with.
9. Responding to RYMC's observation on extending the septage management policy, adopted Gurugram to other Municipal

Corporations (MC), PS ULBD assured to issue directions to all concerned to notify the same at the earliest by all MCs.

10. Responding to RYMC's observation that HSPCB has not yet introduced a regular mechanism to monitor Online Monitoring Devices (OMD) of STPs/CETPs/Large/Medium units, HSPCB responded that a monitoring cell, exclusively for this purpose, is under proposal and will be introduced soon. HSPCB has also been directed to take action against the officers of defaulting line departments and HSPCB has already initiated action in many cases, CS was informed. CS further directed the Finance Department to ensure speedy processing of the proposal of the Board for strengthening its monitoring and regulatory resources.

Meeting ended with thanks to all participants.

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## Annex

List of Participants of held at 1430 Hrs on 29.08.2019 under the Chairmanship of Smt. Keshni Anand Arora, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana in Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh to review the progress in implementation of Action Plans of Yamuna and Ghaggar Rivers.

| S. No. | Name (Shri/ Smt)         | Designation & Department         |
|--------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1.     | Keshni Anand Arora, IAS  | CS.....In chair                  |
| 2.     | Dheera Khandelwal, IAS   | ACS, Environment Department      |
| 3.     | Devender Singh, IAS      | ACS, Industries Department       |
| 4.     | Anand Mohan, Sharan, IAS | PS, ULB Department               |
| 5.     | Sudhir Rajpal, IAS       | PS, Dept. of Devt. & Panchayat   |
| 6.     | AK Singh, IAS            | PS, TCP Dept.                    |
| 7.     | Uma Shankar, IAS         | CEO, GMDA                        |
| 8.     | Ashok Kheterpal          | Chairman, HSPCB                  |
| 9.     | Sunil Saran, IES         | Special Secretary, Finance Dept. |
| 10.    | S. Narayanan, IFS        | MS, HSPCB                        |
| 11.    | Bhupendra Singh          | DSM & CC, Civil Sectt.           |
| 12.    | Birender Singh           | EIC, Irrigation Dept.            |
| 13.    | Dr. Azrudin              | DHS, Health Dept.                |
| 14.    | Shankar Jindal           | CE, Panchayat Dept.              |
| 15.    | PK Garg                  | GM, HSIIDC                       |
| 16.    | OP Goyal                 | GM, HSIIDC                       |
| 17.    | Naresh Pawar             | CE, HSVP                         |
| 18.    | R K Singla               | CE, PHED                         |
| 19.    | KK Verma                 | CE, PHED                         |
| 20.    | ND Vashista              | CE, MCG                          |
| 21.    | Dr PKMK Das              | Expert Member, RYMC              |
| 22.    | YK Garg                  | Expert Member, RYMC              |
| 23.    | Dr Radhe Shyam           | Scientist, Pond Devt. Authority  |
| 24.    | DS Dhayia                | SE, PHED                         |
| 25.    | JP Singh                 | EE, Water Cell, HSPCB            |
| 26.    | Vijay Dhaka              | Ex En, MCF                       |
| 27.    | Virender Malhotra        | Ex En, Irrigation Dept.          |
| 28.    | Ranbir Singh             | SDE, ULBD                        |