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Dated: 10.01.2025

To

1. Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana, Town & Country Planning and Urban Estates Department, Haryana, Chandigarh
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Sec-6, Panchkula
3. Divisional Commissioner, Gurugram, Division, Gurugram
4. Divisional Commissioner, Faridabad, Division, Faridabad
5. Inspector, General of Police, Law and order, Haryana, Panchkula
6. Director, Mining and Geology Department, Haryana, Chandigarh
7. Director, Tourism Haryana, Chandigarh
8. Deputy Commissioners, Gurugram, Faridabad, Nuh, Mohindergarh, Rewari, Bhiwani & Charkhi Dadri
9. Regional Officers, Gurugram North and South, Faridabad, Ballabgarh, Nuh, Mohindergarh, Rewari, Bhiwani & Charkhi Dadri

Sub:- Minutes of the Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Vineet Garg, IAS, Chairman, HSPCB on 26.12.2024 at 12:00 noon in Haryana Mini Secretariat, 4th Floor, Sector-17-D, Chandigarh to review the action taken by the departments on the compliance of the decisions taken by the Chief secretary, Haryana in the meeting held on 03.06.2024 in WPC No. 4677 of 1985 before Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in MC Mehta case and meeting held on 18.07.2024 under the Chairmanship of Add. Chief Secretary Environment in OA NO. 362 of 2022 in the matter of Aravli Bachao Citizens Movements v/s Union of India.

Kindly refer to the subject noted above.

In this connection, I have been directed to enclose herewith the copy of minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Vineet Garg, IAS, Chairman, HSPCB on 26.12.2024 at 12:00 noon in Haryana Mini Secretariat, 4th Floor, Sector-17-D, Chandigarh to review the action taken by the departments on the compliance of the decisions taken by the Chief secretary, Haryana in the meeting held on 03.06.2024 in WPC No. 4677 of 1985 before Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in MC Mehta case and meeting held on 18.07.2024 under the Chairmanship of Add. Chief Secretary Environment in OA NO. 362 of 2022 in the matter of Aravli Bachao Citizens Movements v/s Union of India for information and necessary action please.

Signed by
Jatinderpal Singh
Sr. Env. Engineer (HQ)
For Chairman
Date: 10-01-2025 12:58:15

Endst. No.HSPCB/WC/

Dated: 10.01.2025

A copy of the above is forwarded to Chairperson, HWRA, Panchkula for information please.

**Sr. Env. Engineer (HQ)
For Chairman**

Endst. No.HSPCB/WC/

Dated: 10.01.2025

A copy of the above is forwarded to Financial Commissioner, Revenue, Haryana, Chandigarh for information please.

**Sr. Env. Engineer (HQ)
For Chairman**

Endst. No.HSPCB/WC/

Dated: 10.01.2025

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information please:-

1. Dr. Babu Ram, Technical Expert, HSPCB
2. Chief Environmental Engineer-I, HSPCB
3. Chief Environmental Engineer-II, HSPCB
4. Sr. Environmental Engineer, Coordination Cell, HSPCB

**Sr. Env. Engineer (HQ)
For Chairman**

Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of S. Vineet Garg, IAS, Chairman, HSPCB on 26.12.2024 at 12:00 noon in Haryana Civil Secretariat, 4th floor, Sector 17D, Chandigarh to review the action taken by the departments on the compliance of decisions taken by the Chief Secretary, Haryana in the meeting held on 03.06.2024 in WPC No. 4677 of 1985 before Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in MC Mehta case and meeting held on 18.07.2024 under the Chairmanship of Add. Chief Secretary Environment in OA NO. 362 of 2022 in the matter of Aravli Bachao Citizens Movements v/s Union of India & other.

The list of the participants is as per **Annexure-1**.

At the outset, Chairman, HSPCB welcomed all the officers present in the meeting and apprised that the meeting has been called to review the decisions taken by the Chief Secretary, Haryana in the meeting held on 03.06.2024 in WPC No. 4677 of 1985 before Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in MC Mehta case and meeting held on 18.07.2024 under the Chairmanship of Add. Chief Secretary Environment in OA NO. 362 of 2022 in the matter of Aravalli Bachao Citizens Movements v/s Union of India.

Dr. Babu Ram, Technical Expert, HSPCB presented the agenda as under.

A. Compliance of order dated 9.5.2024 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in WPC No. 4677 of 1985 in MC Mehta case.

It was informed that in order to make compliance of order dated 9.5.2024 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in WPC No. 4677 of 1985 in MC Mehta case, the Chief Secretary, Haryana held meeting with the concerned departments on 03.06.2024 and following decisions were taken.

- I. A Committee of Administrative Secretary Forests & Environment, Mines & Geology, Tourism and Director Town & Country Planning may consider the definition and area of Aravalli Hills and Ranges by taking the benchmark fixed by FSI for the Rajasthan State for the Haryana State as well within a week;
- II. The Forest Department shall do contouring of the Aravalli area and thereafter, Mines & Geology Department will superimpose their mining area, over the area of Aravalli Hills and Ranges within a week after (i) above; as mentioned in the mining leases.
- III. Environment Department to prepare draft affidavit with regard to comments on CEC reports in co-ordination with all line departments;
- IV. Steps taken for compliance of earlier 15 judgments of the Apex Court be also incorporated in the affidavit within 10 days;
- V. List out the action CAG/CEC reports on illegal mining and prosecution carried out thereon within 10 days; and
- VI. Application for grant/renewal of mining leases may be processed but no final permission shall be granted within a period of 15 days;
- VII. The draft affidavit shall be submitted by ACS-Environment for approval of the Chief Secretary by 30.06.2024.

The detailed deliberation on all the above points was made and following decisions were taken:

1. **Regarding considering the definition and area of Aravalli Hills and Ranges by taking the benchmark fixed by FSI for the Rajasthan State for the Haryana State by the committee constituted by the Chief Secretary, Haryana, HSPCB shall put up the case separately**

within 10 days to get meeting conducted under the Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Environment.

2. Forest Department shall do contouring of Aravalli area by 20.01.2025 and thereafter, Mines & Geology Department will superimpose their mining area, over the area of Aravalli Hills and Ranges by 27.01.2025.
3. Draft affidavit with regard to comments on CEC report and its recommendation, steps taken for compliance of earlier 15 judgments of the Apex Court, shall be prepared by department of Mines & Geology within 07 days and same may be sent to the HSPCB for its further submission to ACS Environment for approval of the Chief Secretary, Haryana.
4. The department of Mines & Geology shall list out the action on CEC reports on illegal mining and prosecution carried out within 10 days.
5. The applications for grant/renewal mining leases may be processed by the department of Mines & Geology as per the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in order dated 9.5.2024.
6. Review of the action taken by the departments on the compliance of the decisions taken in the meeting held on 18.07.2024 under the Chairmanship of Add. Chief Secretary, Environment in OA No. 362 of 2022 in the matter of Aravalli Bachao Citizens Movements v/s Union of India.

Dr Babu Ram, Technical Expert, HSPCB presented the point-wise agenda based on the decisions taken in the 4th meeting of the committee, constituted by the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal vide its order dated 11.12.2023, as under:

- B. **Compilation of directions/orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble National Green Tribunal w.r.t imposition and realization of environment compensation on illegal mining and transportation.**

The detailed deliberation was made and it was decided as under:

The Department of Mines and Geology and Department of Forest shall submit their statement in writing that there is no other such order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India or Hon'ble National Green Tribunal with regard to imposition and realization of environmental compensation on illegal mining and its transportation within 07 days.

1. **Methodology to be adopted for enforcement and monitoring to prevent illegal mining and transportation of illegal mined material**

The department of Forest informed that the proposal for deploying 400 forest guards in 05 districts namely Nuh, Gurugram, Faridabad, Mahendragarh and Rewari and provision of setting up of check post at appropriate sites/ locations has been sent to Chief Secretary, Haryana for approval.

The matter was deliberated and it was decided as under:

- a. The department of Forest shall pursue the case with the office of the Chief Secretary and deploy the adequate forest guards in 5 districts accordingly.
- b. The Department of Mines and Geology shall comply with all the remaining 10 points of Annexure 2 relating to prevention of illegal mining and transportation of illegal mined material and compliance report in this regard may be submitted within 07 days.

c. Finalization of Aravalli Rejuvenation Plan of each of 07 Districts.

The detailed deliberation on the decisions taken in the 4th meeting with respect to finalization of Aravalli Rejuvenation Plan of each of 07 Districts was made and it was decided as under:

- a. **Aravalli Rejuvenation plan of 07 Districts received through the Deputy Commissioner of concerned district may be taken into record of HSPCB and these may be submitted to Hon'ble National Green Tribunal as and when the case is taken by the Hon'ble Tribunal for further consideration.**
- 4. Action taken on imposition and realization of environmental compensation funds as per SOP prepared by HSPCB.**

The matter was deliberated and it was decided as under.

Department of Mines and Geology and Department of Forest shall submit the details of the illegal mining sites identified by the Field Officers mentioning the name of the site and its coordinates, area of illegal mining site, quantity of illegal mined material to HSPCB within 10 days and thereafter, the Department of Mines and Geology and HSPCB shall calculate the Environmental Compensation as per the provisions of SOP prepared by HSPCB on 30.04.2024 within next 15 days.

5. Monitoring the Compliance of environment norms by the departments.

The detailed discussion was held and it was decided as under:

- a. **Department of Mines and Geology shall submit the report on compliance of environment norms as mentioned in the checklist (Annexure 3) within 10 days.**
 - b. **Department of Mines and Geology, Department of Forest and HSPCB shall continue to submit the report on the compliance of environment norms as per the checklist prepared by them on quarterly basis.**
- 6. Uploading the minutes of the meeting and report/recommendation of the committee on website by Department of Mines & Geology.**

It was apprised by the Department of Mines & Geology that the all the minutes of meeting of the committee, constituted by Hon"ble Tribunal, have been uploaded by the department on its website.

It was decided that all further minutes of the meeting of the committee may continue to be uploaded by the Department of Mines and Geology on its website.

7. Precautionary/preventive steps to control illegal mining.

Department of Mines & Geology stated that drones with advanced cameras to

identify the illegal mining sites once in a week shall be arranged from Drishti Institute on rent and work of monitoring through the drone shall be started within 10 days.

The matter was discussed in detail and it was decided as under.

- a. Department of Mines & Geology may start monitoring through drones with advance cameras to identify the illegal mining sites within 10 days.
- b. On line monitoring of check post having 24x7 CCTV coverage and footage of the same may be started by the Mining Department and District Administration or members of District Level Task Force within 10 days.

8. Environmental Compensation record.

The issue was discussed in detail and it was decided as under:

- a. Department of Mines and Geology and Department of Forest shall supply the record regarding FIR lodged by them against the illegal mining, which may contain the data like name of illegal mining site and its coordinates, area of illegal mining site, quantity of illegal mined material within 10 days.
- b. The Department of Mines and Geology and HSPCB shall jointly calculate / assess the amount of environmental compensation to be imposed on illegal mining sites as per SOP prepared by HSPCB and realization of the same, if any within next 15 days.
- c. Based on the above data, HSPCB shall prepare environmental compensation record within 01 month. Further, HSPCB shall continue to maintain / prepare environment compensation record on quarterly basis.
- d. Ecological restoration/rejuvenation of illegal mining sites.

After detailed deliberation in the matter, it was decided as under:

1. The Department of Mines & Geology may supply the detailed data with regard to illegal mining sites and their area of each of 07 districts to the Haryana Water Resources Authority within 10 days and the said department shall prepare its proposal for restoring ground water recharging zone of illegal mining sites of 07 districts (Nuh, Gurugram, Faridabad, Rewari, Mahendragarh, Charkhi Dadri & Bhiwani) within 01 month.
2. Department of Mines and Geology shall submit the legal status of all illegal mining sites of 07 districts within 10 days.
3. Department of Mines and Geology, Department of Forest and HSPCB shall continue to submit the report on the compliance of environment norms as per the checklist prepared by them on quarterly basis.
 10. Status of compliance on ascertainment of land use/ownership of land in compliance of order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter of Jagpal Singh V/s State of Punjab (2011).

The matter was considered and it was decided that reminder may be issued to the Financial Commissioner, Revenue Department to direct the concerned officer of the department to check the land use / ownership of illegal mining sites of 07 districts and submit the report to HSPCB within 15 days.

2. Compliance of order dated 5.9.2023 in OA no. 866 of 2022.

The detailed deliberation on the point was made and it was decided as under:-

1. The department of Forest may be asked to submit the verified compliance report in the matter, submitted by the mining lease holder through Regional office of the Board, within 10 days.
2. HSPCB may take up the matter with the mining lease holder (Ganga Yamuna Mining Co., Village Bhood Majra, District Yamunanagar) for maintenance of plantation area for five years and thereafter, the plantation area may be handed over to the land owner of mining site, who shall be responsible for maintenance of the plants for further period.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure-1

List of participants of meeting held on 26.12.2024 under the Chairmanship of Sh. Vineet Garg, IAS, Chairman, HSPCB in Haryana Mini Secretariat, 4th Floor, Sector-17-D, Chandigarh to review the action taken by the departments on the compliance of the decisions taken by the Chief secretary, Haryana in the meeting held on 03.06.2024 in WPC No. 4677 of 1985 before Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in MC Mehta case and meeting held on 18.07.2024 under the Chairmanship of Add. Chief Secretary Environment in OA No. 362 of 2022 in the matter of Aravali Bachao Citizens Movements v/s Union of India.

Sr. No.	Name and Designation
1.	Sh. Vineet Garg, IAS, Chairman, HSPCB.....in the Chair
2.	Sh. Sunil Kumar, MD, Tourism Department, Haryana, Chandigarh
3.	Dr. Babu Ram Technical Expert HSPCB, Panchkula
4.	Sh. DN Nimbokar, CCP, NCR, TCP Department, Haryana
5.	Sh. Vijay Kumar, STP (NCR), TCP, Haryana, Chandigarh
6.	Dr. Madhvi Gupta, State Mining Engineer, Mining Department, Haryana, Chandigarh
7.	Sh. Pankaj Mahala, Chief Hydrologist, HWRA, Panchkula
8.	Sh. JP Singh, SEE, HSPCB, Panchkula
9.	Sh. AK Bhatia, Scientist, HWRA, Panchkula
10.	Sh. Rajpal, Deputy Director, Tourism, Haryana, Chandigarh
11.	Sh. Anil Kumar, Mining Officer, Gurugram

	Through VC
	Faridabad
12.	Sh. Sahil Gupta, IAS, ADC, Faridabad
13.	Sh. Sandeep Singh, RO, Faridabad
14.	Smt. Kamlesh, Mining Officer, Faridabad
15.	Sh. Ujjwal Kumar, AEE, Ballabgarh
16.	Sh. Jhalkaar, DFO, Faridabad
	Bhiwani
17.	Sh. Vipin Kumar , HCS ,CTM, Bhiwani
18.	Sh. Nitish Bhardwaj , AEE Bhiwani
19.	Sh. Hitesh , Mining Inspector , Bhiwani
20.	Sh. Deepak Yadav , Range officer, Bhiwani
	Rewari
21.	Sh. Abhishek Meena, DC, Rewari
22.	Sh. Harish Kumar, RO, Rewari
23.	Sh. Prem Kumar, RFO, Rewari
24.	Sh. Rakesh, Clerk, Mining Department, Rewari
	Mahendergarh
25.	Dr. Vivek Bharti, IAS, DC, Mahendergarh
26.	Sh. Krishan Kumar, RO, HSPCB, Mahendergarh
27.	Sh. Rajesh Singh, Mining Officer, Mines & Geology Department, Mahendergarh
	Gurugram
28.	Sh. Ramesh Chander Bidhan I A S, Divisional Commissioner , Gurugram
29.	Sh. Ajay Kumar IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Gurugram
30.	Sh. Raj Kumar, I F S, D F O, Gurugram
31.	Sh. Vijay Chaudhary, Regional Officer, Gurugram
32.	Sh. Aparnesh, AEE, Gurugram
	Charkhi Dadri
33.	Sh. Munish Sharma, IAS, DC, Charkhi Dadri
34.	Sh. Pushkar Kumar, IFS, Charkhi Dadri
35.	Sh. Dheeraj Kumar, HPS, Charkhi Dadri
36.	Sh. Rinku, Mining Officer, Charkhi Dadri
37.	Sh. Navneet Bhardwaj, AEE, Charkhi Dadri
	Nuh
38.	Sh. Vishram kumar Meena, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Nuh
39.	Sh. Bhanupartap, Inspector Mining Department, Nuh
40.	Sh. Surajbhan, Supdt., Forest Department, Nuh
41.	Sh. Vipin Kumar, RO, HSPCB, Nuh