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Sub: Proceedings of 8th Fortnightly review meeting to review the progress of Yamuna Action Plan and Ghaggar Action Plan in OA No. 673/2018, OA No. 6/2012, OA No. 138 of 2016 and OA No. 593/2017 - Reg.

Kindly refer to the subject noted above.

In this connection, I have been directed to enclose herewith the copy of Proceedings of 8th Fortnightly review meeting to review the progress of Yamuna Action Plan and Ghaggar Action Plan in OA No. 673/2018, OA No. 6/2012, OA No. 138 of 2016 and OA No. 593/2017 held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Vijai Vardhan, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana at 12:00PM on 12.02.2021 for your information and necessary action please.

DA/As above

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

Endst.

To

1. CEO, GMDA, Gurugram.
2. ACS, Environment Deptt, Govt of Haryana.
3. ACS, Agriculture Department, Govt. of Haryana.
4. ACS, Irrigation Department, Govt. of Haryana.
5. ACS, Public Health Engineering Deptt, Govt of Haryana.
6. ACS, Housing for all, Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh.
7. ACS, Urban Local Bodies Dept, Govt of Haryana.
8. PS, Mining and Geology Department, Govt. of Haryana.
9. PS, Development & Panchayat Dept, Govt of Haryana.
10. PS, Town and Country Planning Deptt, Govt of Haryana.
11. PS, Industries Deptt, Govt of Haryana.
12. PS, Forest Deptt., Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh.
13. PS to Chief Secretary, Haryana.
14. PS to Chairman, HSPCB.
15. PA to Member Secretary, HSPCB.

Endst.

A copy of the above is forwarded to all the Regional Officers, HSPCB for your information and necessary action please.

DA/As above

Proceedings of 8th Fortnightly meeting to review the progress of Yamuna and Ghaggar Action Plans held under the Chairmanship of Sh Vijai Vardhan, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana at 1200 Hrs on 12.02.2021 in Main Committee Room, Main Secretariat.

The 8th Fortnightly meeting to review the progress of Yamuna and Ghaggar Action Plans (as per the directions of Hon'ble NGT in OA No. 673/2018 in the matter of 'More River Stretches are now Critically Polluted: CPCB', OA No. 6/2012, OA No. 138 of 2016 and OA No. 148/2016) was held under the Chairmanship of Sh Vijai Vardhan, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana at 1200 Hrs on 12.02.2021, with all the senior officers of the stakeholder Departments of the State. The list of participants is at **Annex-A**.

At the outset, Chief Secretary welcomed all participants and Member Secretary, HSPCB briefed the participants on the agenda items to be discussed and salient features of recent directions of Hon'ble NGT in OA 06/2012 (Manoj Mishra Vs UoI and others), OA No.138/2016 (Stench Gripps Mansa's Sacred Ghaggar River) and OA No.593/2017 (Paryavaran Suraksha Samiti Vs UoI and Ors), status of implementation of action plans for control of pollution in rivers and details of all Committees constituted at State, District and Regional levels for monitoring the progress. It was apprised that OA No. 6/2012 Manoj Mishra Vs UOI has been disposed by NGT on 27.01.21 with directions to comply with the recommendation of RYMC. The role of committees of Smt. Shailaja Chandra and Justice Pritam Pal (Retd) (pertaining to river Yamuna part) has also been concluded and Chief Secretaries of the States concerned, have been directed to review the progress on quarterly basis and submit report to CMC, headed by Secretary, MoJS. It was also apprised that the IDMC constituted at State level, as per directions of NGT, has not conducted even a single meeting yet. MS, HSPCB suggested that the IDMC may review the similar issues which are being monitored here in this meeting or these meetings can be held together. CS advised that the IDMC meeting shall be held separately and regularly. The agenda items were taken up for discussion, thereafter.

(Action by : All stakeholder Departments)

1. Shifting of Industries from Residential Areas.

The status of shifting of industrial units from non-conforming areas in Yamuna Nagar, Faridabad, Panipat and Sonapat area was reviewed. Industries Department informed that a study was got conducted through IIT Roorkee and they have suggested that either to shift the industries or to construct a CETP outside the city and transport the effluent to that CETP or to convert the STPs of Yamuna Nagar to CETPS. The industries department informed that they are finalizing the option based on the feasibility. MS HSPCB explained that the option to transport effluent from individual industries to a CETP, constructed at

far off places through tankers, is not legally permissible under the provisions of Water Act and MD, HSIIDC informed that similar procedure is followed in Ludhiana. HSPCB informed that since it involves legal issues in granting consents to both the CETP as well as the units, and RYMC has also advised to shift the industrial units, as per the approved plan submitted by the State in High Court, that may be explored further. The decision may also depend upon the outcome of the survey conducted (on whether to declare the area as industrial or not), HSIIDC informed. CS advised that HSPCB may look into the process adopted in Ludhiana, and directed that a Committee be constituted under the Chairmanship of ACS (PHED) with MD, HSIIDC, MS, HSPCP, Director TCP and Director ULBD as Members to look into the issues involved and to submit the recommendations.

Industries Department was also advised to send the information regarding the status in other towns as well at the earliest.

(Action by : Industries & Commerce Department)

2. Survey of pollution Sources contributing to drains/ rivers.

The progress on preparation and implementation of action plans for control of pollution at the Pollution Sources, identified by Irrigation Department was reviewed with the stakeholder Departments, concerned. HSPCB apprised that as per directions of Hon'ble NGT, a compensation of Rs. 5 lac / month/drain needs to be paid by the Department concerned, if the untreated effluent flows in any drain. It was further informed that the list of such locations has been circulated to all departments for addressing the polluted effluent in drains but Action Plan is pending for many points.

After discussion, all departments were advised to send the updated status for each location pertaining to their departments along with the action plans.

(Action by : All stakeholder Departments)

3. Status of upgradation of STPs.

The progress of upgradation of existing STPs was reviewed and it was observed that PHED has not progressed much for upgrading its 20 STPs. The progress achieved so far has not been submitted by PHED and also the monthly plan was not submitted for each STP to be upgraded. PHED was advised to complete the tasks and send the report for update.

(Action by : All stakeholder Departments)

4. Status of treatment plants in villages.

While reviewing the status of treatment plants in villages, it was observed that, Panchayats Department, which has planned to address issue of untreated effluent for 277 villages in Yamuna and 45 villages in Ghaggar catchment has to start its work in many places. It was observed that the sanction has not been granted for many STPs in 11 villages. The soak pits proposed to be constructed in

some villages have not been accepted by the Executive Committee which has desired that a scientific method be adopted for the same. HSPCB also informed that the Department has to apply for CTE for the STPs, as per the provisions. D & P Deptt informed that the work for remaining villages shall be undertaken by PHED/GMDA under Mahagram Yojna. The work for villages of Nawada Fathepur, Sikanderpur, Badha, Kakrala, Hayatpur, Daulatabad, Nakhrala, Mohamdpur and Rampur shall be done by GMDA. After a brief discussion, the departments concerned were advised to send the updated status report to HSPCB.

(Action by : D&P, PHED, GMDA)

5. Status of construction and upgradation of CETPs in Yamuna.

While reviewing the status of construction and upgradation of CETPs in Yamuna catchment areas, it was observed that while MCF is constructing the CETP at Faridabad, the issue of construction of CETP in Gurugram is still undecided despite many meetings held in this regard. CS advised that a GMDA shall consolidate the details and arrange for a separate meeting to review all relevant points, including this, at the earliest.

(Action by : ULBD,GMDA)

6. Status of Interception of Sewage in unapproved areas.

HSPCB informed that the untreated effluent is flowing into drains from approved/unapproved colonies of town and is polluting rivers, which have been planned to be tapped and conveyed through existing sewers for treatment in existing STPs. HSPCB informed that MoJS, through a DO communication to CS, has raised the issue of tapping effluent in Panipat drain into STP at Sewah, which is presently operating well below its capacity. However, PHED informed that this may not be possible for implementation, considering the nature of water conveyed through the drain, which carries untreated / partially treated industrial effluent. ACS PHED informed that such an attempt will sabotage the working of the STPs, which are not designed for treating industrial effluent. He further advised that HSPCB, Industries Department and HSVP shall ensure that the effluent of industries must be treated before discharge in the drain, through their CETP. After discussion CS desired that Chief Engineer HSVP should visit the CETPs of Panipat and officers of PHED should also be associated to finalize the issue.

(Action by : HSVP, PHED)

7. Achieving Environmental Norms / Standards prescribed by STPs.

It was apprised that the Board has fixed new standards for discharge of effluent at outlet of STPs and STPs which are already designed for these standards vide its order dated 02.07.2020 and those STPs, which are in the progress of upgradation, shall achieve the same by 02.07.2021. CS was apprised that there

are STPs which are already designed to achieve BOD value of 10, but these are still failing to achieve the standards. Since the O & M of all STPs have been outsourced, it should not be a problem to implement the standards, for which the plants are already designed for, it was opined. After discussing the issues, it was decided that the concerned departments shall take up the task immediately and ensure compliance. CS also reviewed the penal actions taken by the Board against violating STPs and HSPCB informed that the Board has initiated prosecution against the officers and contractors appointed for O & M of STPs. CS directed that any failure of operation / violation, should be dealt firmly, as per the provisions, even if the matter involves professional Departments.

(Action by : PHED & ULBD)

8. Effective Mining Policy.

It was informed by Mining Department during the last meeting they have already formulated the policy of sand mining and the details of implementation will be shared. The details of action taken for violation of the policy have not been received so far. Mining & Geology Department assured that they are already monitoring and will share the details with HSPCB.

(Action by : Mining Department)

9. Incremental Progress of the crop diversification.

CS was apprised that during the last meeting it was decided that the month wise progress achieved should be reported but the same has not been received so far. ACS Agriculture informed that since the progress is achieved only during seasons, month wise progress is difficult. After a brief discussion it was advised that a report showing the incremental progress be given on quarterly / half yearly basis indicating the areas diverted in each district. It was also decided such reports may send a Nil report, if there is no information to be added.

(Action by : Agriculture Department)

10. Inspection by DSTFs/SESTFs

The status of inspections conducted by DSTFs/SESTFs at district levels under the chairmanship of DCs with mandate to identify the polluters /violators and take action against, was reviewed. HSPCB informed that four DO communications have been sent from ACS Environment to all DCs but the implementation is still negligible. After a brief discussion, CS advised that a DO communication from his side may also be sent to all DCs concerned.

Meeting ended with thanks to all the participants.

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Annex-A

List of participants of 8th fortnightly meeting to review the progress of Yamuna and Ghaggar Action Plans, held under the Chairmanship of Sh Vijai Vardhan, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana at 1200 Hrs on 12.02.2021.

S. No.	Name/ Department
1.	Shri. Vijai Vardhan, IAS, Chief Secretary In Chair
2.	Smt. Dheera Khandelwal, IAS, ACS, Env & Climate Change Department
3.	Sh. Devender Singh, IAS, ACS, Irrigation, PHED & Agriculture Departments
4.	Sh. Amit Jha, IAS, ACS, Development & Panchayat Department
5.	Sh. SN Roy, IAS, Addl Chief Secretary, ULB Department
6.	Smt Deepti Umashankar, IAS, Chairperson, HSPCB
7.	Sh. Anurag Aggarwal, IAS, MD, HSIIDC
8.	Sh Ghanshyam Shukla, IFS, APCCF, Forest Department.
9.	Sh. S. Narayanan, IFS, Member Secretary, HSPCB, Panchkula
10.	Sh. Anshaj Singh, CA, Housing Board, Haryana, Chandigarh
11.	Sh A. Sreenivas, IAS, Director General, Mines & Geology Department, Haryana, Chandigarh
12.	Sh. Rakesh Chauhan, EIC, I & WR, Panchkula
13.	Sh. D.R Yadav, EIC, Public Health Department, Panchkula
14.	Sh. Arvind Kumar, EIC, HSIIDC, Panchkula
15.	Sh. Deepak Kumar, State Geologist, Mines & Geology Department, Haryana, Chandigarh
16.	Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Chief Engineer, PHED, Panchkula
17.	Sh. Yajesh Mohan Mehra, Chief Engineer, HSVP, Panchkula
18.	Sh. Rajneesh Mittal, AGM, Industries Department, Haryana, Chandigarh
19.	Sh. JP Singh, SEE, HSPCB, Panchkula

Through VC

1. Sh. Pardeep Kumar, CE , GMDA, Gurugram