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Sub: Proceedings of the meeting held on 28th March 2022 under the Chairmanship of Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana to review the progress of Yamuna Action Plan and Ghaggar Action Plan in OA No. 673/2018, OA No. 138 of 2016 and OA No. 593/2017.

Kindly refer to the subject noted above.

In this connection, I have been directed to enclose herewith the copy of Proceedings of the meeting held on 28th March 2022 under the Chairmanship of Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana to review the progress of Yamuna Action Plan and Ghaggar Action Plan in OA No. 673/2018, OA No. 138 of 2016 and OA No. 593/2017 for your information and necessary action please.

DA/As above

Sr. Env. Engineer (HQ)
For Chairman

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To

1. Chairperson, Haryana Water Resources Authority, Haryana, Panchkula.
2. Additional Chief Secretary, Town and Country Planning Deptt, Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh.
3. Additional Chief Secretary, Irrigation Department, Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh.
4. Additional Chief Secretary, Development & Panchayat Dept, Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh.
5. Additional Chief Secretary, Health Department, Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh
6. Chief Executive Officer, GMDA, Gurugram.
7. Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Department, Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh.
8. Additional Chief Secretary, Environment Deptt, Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh.
9. Additional Chief Secretary, Public Health Engineering Deptt, Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh.
10. Additional Chief Secretary, Forest Department, Govt. of Haryana Chandigarh.
11. Principal Secretary, Urban Local Bodies Dept, Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh.
12. Principal Secretary, Mines and Geology Deptt, Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh.
13. Principal Secretary, Industries Deptt, Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh.
14. DGP, Haryana Police, Panchkula

Endst.

A copy of the above is forwarded to PS to Chief Secretary, Haryana for information and necessary action please.

DA/As above

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

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Signed by Jatinder Pal
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 Reason: Approved

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Sr. Env. Engineer (HQ)
For Chairman

Proceedings of the meeting held on 28 March 2022 under the Chairmanship of Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana 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.

The list of participants is at **Annex-A**.

The Member Secretary, HSPCB presented the background of the case and various directions of the Hon'ble NGT and details of the Action Plans submitted by the State, along with performance guarantee of Rs 15 Cr. which is liable to be forfeited if the objectives are not achieved (BOD < 3 mg/l, fecal coliform < 500 MPN/100 ml and DO < 5 mg/l). It was informed that the matter of OA No. 673 of 2018 has been disposed off vide NGT order dated 22 February 2021 with the directions that CS shall monitor the progress every month and the Central Government shall review the same quarterly. The important agenda items discussed and the decisions taken are as below:

1. Tapping of sewage

The participants were apprised that as per the plan, various departments have been laying down the sewer network in approved as well as unapproved areas to carry the sewage to terminal treatment plants. However, with reference to the unapproved areas, the updated progress has not been received from many departments for different locations. The implementing departments informed that they have already started the work for the referred locations and would share the details with the HSPCB for compilation.

CS directed that a meeting may be held by the HSPCB with all departments concerned and review the status of implementation at ground level. He further directed that the accountability for lapse of the timelines be fixed by the departments themselves and the compensation shall be recovered from the erring officers.

(Action by PHED, HSVP, ULBD, GMDA and HPSCB)

2. Estimation of sewage generation

The participants were apprised of the issues arising out of the gap in estimation of generation of sewage in different towns, as it forms the basis for the capacity of treatment plants to be established. In this regard the apprehensions of River Yamuna Monitoring Committee (RYMC) were that some factors like floating population, use of ground water, and the water being used for other domestic and industrial purposes have not been meticulously calculated while estimating the generation, which often results in the gap. A typical example of Yamuna Nagar, where the sewage generation of around 66 MLD was observed at later stage was described to the participants and it was explained that similar situation was observed in Gurugram where it was assumed that many projects would be operating with zero discharge, but in reality, they were also discharging considerable quantum of sewage. Since such gaps in calculations can lead to serious management issues at a later stage, the implementing departments were requested to take up the exercise taking into consideration of all the factors concerned.

After detailed discussion, it was decided that the technical matter should be resolved by the Departments themselves taking into account the issues raised and if necessary, HSPCB shall also be involved.

(Action by PHED and ULBD)

3. Up-gradation of STPs

The progress of up-gradation of various STPs in the State was reviewed and it was informed that only 74 STPs are complying and the remaining are not meeting the prescribed standards, as per the latest reports. It was apprised that this issue has been raised during the review meeting of the Central Monitoring Committee and it was also explained that the standards of faecal coliform, which have been made stringent now, are not being met in many cases. The departments concerned informed that they are yet to complete the up-gradation though the timelines have already lapsed for many STPs.

CS expressed his displeasure over the same and directed HSPCB to impose compensation against the Departments concerned, which in turn, will recover the same from the erring officers.

(Action by PHED, HSVP, ULBD, GMDA and HSPCB)

4. Under construction/ proposed STPs

The progress of STPs which are under construction was shared with the participants and it was informed that the works of 3 STPs (*i.e.*, Dev colony- Panipat, Barsat Road- Panipat and Manesar) were started late and were not conceived in the original action plan submitted in 2019 and this could invite the environment compensation from CPCB/NGT. The construction works for many STPs have been completed but some have not been commissioned so far.

CS directed that the Departments concerned should look into the issues with all seriousness and expedite action for commissioning of such pending STPs.

(Action by PHED, HSVP, ULBD and GMDA)

5. Sludge disposal for STPs.

The issue regarding non-generation/generation of insignificant quantity of sludge in some STPs was flagged for the attention of all implementing departments. It was explained that the generation of sludge is a direct indicator of efficacy of treatment and in some cases, the STPs /CETPs, as per the records available with the Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility, either have not sent the sludge or have recorded very less quantum of sludge. Since this leads to the suspicion that the sewage might be released into environment after it is partially treated or untreated, it is a real cause of concern, it was explained. As the work is outsourced to private agencies and a dedicated officer has been posted by the Departments concerned at STP for its supervision, there is no logic for such lapses, it was informed.

After a detailed discussion, CS directed that the concerned departments should monitor the status closely at their level as well and take action against the erring officials.

(Action by ULBD, HSVP, Industries and PHED)

6. Under construction and proposed CETPs

The progress of CETPs which are under construction as well as proposed to be constructed was reviewed and the delay in some of the projects was indicated. It was informed that the work on CETP of Faridabad has not yet been initiated and that for Gurugram, the executing department itself is yet to be decided. Similarly, in the case of Kundli, HSVP has not provided any

timeline in the CLU area, it was observed.

After detailed discussion, CS directed that the issue of CETP at Gurugram be decided at the earliest by the concerned departments and HSIIDC shall take lead in the treatment plants in Kundli and shall get the survey done for industries set up and the quantum of effluent being discharged, which will be reviewed, along with the timelines for completion of task, in the next review meeting. Similarly, the CETPs at Faridabad shall be expedited by the department concerned.

(Action by ULBD, HSVP, HSIIDC and GMDA)

7. Online Monitoring Devices (OMDs) on STPs

The participants were informed that as per the latest report taken on the day, as many as 55 STPs were not displaying the data on site. This amounts to serious lapse, as HSPCB has also been striving to achieve non-human approach for monitoring and aims to bring the self-regulatory regime amongst the agencies.

CS directed that since the data are accessible to all the departments themselves, they shall monitor the display at their HQ level through a dedicated cell / officer who will submit the report off line / exceedance data to their HODs on a daily basis and will seek the explanation from the concerned officials for lapses. The progress on this issue will be reviewed in the next review meeting.

(Action by ULBD, HSVP, GMDA, HSIIDC and PHED)

8. Dredging and de-silting of drains in the cities

HSPCB informed that, last year, the Irrigation Department submitted its action plan for cleaning/de-silting of drains and they had completed the task accordingly. Similar plan may be submitted for the forthcoming year too and the action taken / progress report be submitted by the department every month, for compilation and onward submission to CMC.

(Action by Irrigation Deptt.)

9. Septage Management/disposal of sewage through tankers

The progress of management of septage / disposal of sewage through tankers, as per the policy of ULBD was discussed.

HSPCB informed that they are prepared to incentivize the informers who provide the information on illegal discharge of effluent into drains/ river. HSPCB also apprised the participants, on the directions of CPCB under Section 18 of Water Act, 1974, to consider charging the violators under ULBD policy or / and under the provisions of Motor Vehicle Act.

CS noted the progress and desired that a coordinated action be taken in this regard by ULBD, HSPCB and the concerned District Administration.

(Action by ULBD, HSPCB, District Administration and Police Dept)

10. Status of treatment System/ STPs in villages

The action plan for sewage of villages was prepared after submission of the State Action Plan and there are 277 villages along Yamuna and 45 villages along Ghaggar catchment areas. During the review of the progress, it was observed that many timelines for many treatment projects have already lapsed though the work is now stated to be in progress.

CS directed D & P department to review the progress at their own level and update the status of various projects. Action should be taken against officers who fail to meet the timelines.

(Action by D&P)

The meeting ended with thanks to all present.

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Annex-A

S. No.	Name and Designation
1	Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal, IAS, Chief Secretary
2	Sh. Devender Singh, IAS, ACS, Irrigation Department
3	Sh. Amit Jha, IAS, ACS, D&P Department
4	Dr Sumita Mishra, ACS Agriculture Department
5	Sh Vijayender Kumar, IAS, PS, Industries & Commerce Dept.
6	Sh. S. Narayanan, IFS, Member Secretary, HSPCB
7	Sh D K Behera, IAS, Director, ULBD.
8	Sh. Rakesh Chauhan, EIC, Irrigation Department
9	Sh. Aseem Khanna, EIC, PHED, Panchkula
10	Sh. Anil Bhatia, CEO, HWRA, Panchkula
11	Sh. Yajesh Mehra, CE, HSVP, Panchkula
12	Sh. Shankar Jindal, CE, D&P, Panchkula
13	Sh. Pradeep Singh, CE, GMDA, Gurugram (Through VC)
14	Sh. Rakesh Kumar, CE, PHED, Panchkula
15	Sh. Anil Bhardwaj, DA, Office of CS
16	Sh. Mukesh Gupta, AGM, HSIIDC, Panchkula
17	Sh. Deepak Hooda, State Geologist, Mines and Geology Department
18	Sh. JP Singh, SEE, HSPCB, Panchkula
19	Sh. Ranbir Singh, XEN, ULBD, Panchkula
20	Sh. Ashwani, AEE, HSPCB, Panchkula