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1. Additional Chief Secretary, Irrigation Department, Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh.
2. Additional Chief Secretary, Public Health Engineering Deptt, Govt of Haryana, Chandigarh.
3. Additional Chief Secretary, Development & Panchayat Dept, Govt of Haryana, Chandigarh.
4. Additional Chief Secretary, Environment Deptt, Govt of Haryana, Chandigarh.
5. Principal Secretary, Town and Country Planning Deptt, Govt of Haryana, Chandigarh.
6. Principal Secretary, Urban Local Bodies Dept, Govt of Haryana, Chandigarh.
7. Principal Secretary, Industries Deptt, Govt of Haryana, Chandigarh.

Sub: Proceedings of the meeting held on 17.09.2021 at 1300 Hrs regarding directions of Hon'ble NGT in OA No 212/2020 (Chaudhary Ompal & Ors Vs. SoH) with the stakeholder Departments and agencies under the Chairmanship of Sh. Vijai Vardhan, IAS, Chief Secretary in Main Committee Room, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Sector-1, Chandigarh.

Sir,

With reference to the above subject, it is intimated that a meeting was held on 17.09.2021 at 1300 Hrs under the Chairmanship of Sh. Vijai Vardhan, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana with Heads / Administrative Secretaries of stakeholder Departments / Agencies in Main Committee Room, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Sector-1, Chandigarh regarding directions of Hon'ble NGT in OA No 212/2020 (Chaudhary Ompal & Ors Vs. SoH) with the stakeholder Departments and agencies.

The copy of proceedings is enclosed herewith for kind information and necessary action please.

DA/As above

Sr. Env. Engineer (HQ)
For Member Secretary

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

1. Regional Officer, HSPCB, Yamuna Nagar
2. PS to Chief Secretary, Haryana.

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Details of Orders of Hon'ble NGT

Chairman welcomed all the participants and briefly explained the objective of the meeting. Member Secretary, HSPCB briefly apprised the participants on the grievance in the application, which is against the discharge of untreated industrial effluent at Village Hamidi, District Yamunanagar, which has been connected to Dhanaura Escape, Village Dabkoli, Indri, which in turn, finally joins Yamuna. The contamination of ground water and foul smell affecting inhabitants of the area causing concern over the public health besides affecting cattle and agriculture fields were the issues raised in the OA. He also explained that as per the status report submitted by Deputy Commissioner of Yamuna Nagar and RO of HSPCB, there was a recognized gap of around 66 MLD, between generation and treatment capacity available and NGT has taken the issue seriously, observing the failure of statutory authorities in applying the law of the land quoting that the discharge of untreated sewage/trade effluents in drains/river is criminal offence under the law of the land. It was also apprised that NGT has directed that the Chief Secretary to take action as per the directions given in the matters of OA No. 6/2012, 673/2018, 138/2016, 606/2018 and 593/2017 and submit a report before the next date, i.e., 07.10.2021, covering the topics of interception of discharge of sewage & trade effluents into Ditch drain/Dhanaura escape, steps taken to prevent discharge of sewage into Yamuna/ storm water drains/ canals, status of diversion of drains carrying

sewage to the STPs and steps taken on review of working of department of Urban Development/Local bodies and River Rejuvenation Committee.

Gap in Generation and Treatment

HSPCB raised the issue that this gap of 66 MLD was not taken into account in the earlier Yamuna Action Plan and now such a huge quantum of untreated effluent (for which no plan has been submitted yet) is not justified. It was also conveyed to Chairman that in earlier occasions also similar points were raised by River Yamuna Monitoring Committee (RYMC) and NGT, while reviewing the Yamuna Action Plan, especially in case of Gurugram, but GMDA refused to acknowledge the same. However, this may get repeated in other areas as well, HSPCB apprehended. Further, as per the present report, which has been done in a detailed way by the Yamuna Nagar District team, the flow has been calculated properly. In some towns, the actual discharge reaching to STPs is more than the total generation estimated (for instance Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar, Raduar and Chachrauli) which needs closer scrutiny. Thus, to meet out the actual figure of generation, some correction factor may be adopted, taking into account the floating population, hospitals, industrial workers, animals, and individual's bore wells. Chief Secretary advised that PHED may revisit the issue and identify where the gap is coming from and inform HSPCB accordingly. He further directed that a committee of officers of SE, PHED, SE, Irrigation Department, RO, HSPCB and ME, Municipal Corporation under Deputy Commissioner, Yamuna Nagar be constituted by EIC PHED to re assess the situation and to submit a report within 5 days.

(Action by : PHED, DC, Yamuna Nagar)

Flow and Quality of Drains, STPs, status of Sewer Network, Tapping of pollution sources and status of CETP

A detailed discussion was held on the subject of water quality and flow of ditch drain / Dhanura Escape and it was informed that the BOD of the drain has improved over the period from 125 mg/l in 2018 to 75 mg/l in 2021. There could be multiple reasons for the achievement including that of development of infrastructure in the area, which should be appropriately highlighted in our reports, Chairman directed. Similarly,

HSPCB informed that, all 6 STPs of 85.5 MLD capacity in Yamuna Nagar are complying with prescribed standards, as per the latest reports and the data are displayed by the operators regularly since last week.

While reviewing the status of sewer network in the District, it was observed that the sewer network is fully laid in two towns and is being laid in remaining two towns. Further, against the originally planned 109 KM of line was the plan has been modified to 97 KM the reasons of which are not clear and ULBD was advised to clarify the same.

(Action By : ULBD)

HSPCB explained that, as far as the diversion of effluent is concerned, out of 12 locations with 19.3 MLD of effluent to be diverted for treatment in existing STPs, 8.5 MLD of effluent has already been diverted at 5 locations and the work for 7 locations is under progress. Timelines given by the Department have already expired and work is not completed so far. The status of construction of CETP of 3 MLD capacity in Industrial area of Manak pur, was reviewed and HSIIDC informed that the same will be completed by 31.12.2021.

(Action By : ULBD, Panchayat, PHED and HSIIDC)

Shifting of Industries from Residential Areas

A detailed discussion on shifting of industries from residential areas and to decide the modalities for the units operating in non-conforming areas in Yamuna Nagar. Chairman expressed his displeasure over the undue delay in processing the issue by Industries Department. Industries Department informed that it has got the survey done and has sent the case to ULBD for finalizing the modalities as per the policy. Industries Department also informed that the survey done by IIT Roorkee team has proposed three options and one of which, i.e., collecting the effluent from individual units to a separate CETP through tankers for treatment has already been ruled out by HSPCB as there is no legal provision to permit the same and in any case, that is not going to resolve the issue of the legality of these units, which are otherwise operating in non-conforming areas. Under these circumstances, Industries Department should come out

with a proposal for shifting of industries to a designated industrial areas, as has been done in case of Panipat - dyeing units - and the feasibility of the same has to be submitted on file within a week, Chief Secretary directed. He also directed the ULBD to work out the modalities and put up the case on file for decision by the competent authority.

(Action By : ULBD and Industries Department)

Sources of pollution and Septage Management

Chief Secretary was apprised that, as per the directions of Hon'ble NGT, the Board has started imposing environmental compensation from the Departments concerned at the rate of Rs.5 lakh per month per drain and the Departments may take immediate note of the same and expedite their plans, without further delay. ULBD was advised to submit the proposal for Bio CNG Plant at Darwa Dairy Complex and Panchayat Department was advised to submit plan for Village Naya Gaon in Jagadhari whose overflow goes to WJC. While reviewing the status of septage management in Yamuna Nagar, ULBD informed that it has implemented a policy for registration of tankers for collecting sewage/ septage from the places where it cannot be connected with existing sewers. The sewage of septage is disposed in existing STPs for treatment and no violation has been observed.

(Action By : ULBD and Panchayat Department)

STPs in villages and household connections

HSPCB apprised that in Yamuna Nagar, the work of STPs in 3 villages has already been completed and work is under progress in 21 villages. The action plans for 3 villages (Milk Majra, Gadhola and Kharwan) are pending due to non-availability of land. ACS D&P assured that tender shall be allotted shortly as they have opted for new technology based STPs/ treatment system which requires less area of land. While reviewing the household connections, it was observed that out of 61,033 households to be given connection, 41,313 have been given and another 19,270 are pending. PHED and ULBD were advised to expedite the same. PS Industries Department cum CEO,

Saraswati Heritage Board informed that many STPs have been executed by the Sarswati Heritage Board also, which have not been taken into account so far. Chief Secretary advised CEO, SHB to send a list of all such STPs to HSPCB for further necessary action at their end.

(Action By : ULBD, PHED, Panchayat Department and SHB)

After discussing other relevant points of the orders of Hon'ble NGT, Chief Secretary directed that ULBD may prepare the draft in consultation with PHED, Industries, Panchayat and Irrigation Departments and send the same to HSPCB for finalizing the same and submit to Chief Secretary for consideration and onward submission to Hon'ble NGT, one week before the next date of hearing. It was decided that ULBD shall send the final draft reply by 24.09.2021 and HSPCB shall submit to Chief Secretary before 29.09.2021.

(Action By : ULBD and HSPCB)

Meeting ended with thanks to all the participants.

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Annex

List of participants of meeting regarding directions of Hon'ble NGT in OA No 212/ 2020 (Chaudhary Ompal & Ors Vs. SoH) with the stakeholder Departments and agencies under the Chairmanship of Sh. Vijai Vardhan, IAS, Chief Secretary at 1300 Hrs on 17.09.2021 in Main Committee Room, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Sector-1, Chandigarh

S. No.	Name, Designation and Department
1.	Shri. Vijai Vardhan, IAS, Chief Secretary In Chair
2.	Sh. Amit Jha, IAS, ACS, Development & Panchayat Department, Haryana,
3.	Sh. AK Singh, IAS, PS, Town & Country Planning Department, Haryana, Chandigarh
4.	Sh. Arun Kumar, IAS, PS, Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana, Chandigarh
5.	Sh. Vijayendra Kumar, IAS, PS, Industries & Commerce Deptt., Haryana,
6.	Sh. S. Narayanan, IFS, Member Secretary, HSPCB, Panchkula
7.	Sh. Ajay Tomar, IAS, Commissioner, Yamuna Nagar
8.	Sh. D.R Yadav, EIC, Public Health Department, Panchkula
9.	Sh. Jain, EIC, HSIIDC, Panchkula
10.	Sh. ML Rana, Chief Engineer, Irrigation Department, Panchkula
11.	Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Chief Engineer, PHED, Panchkula
12.	Sh. Yajesh Mohan Mehra, Chief Engineer, HSVP, Panchkula
13.	Sh. JP Singh, SEE, HSPCB, Panchkula
14.	Sh. Ranbir Singh, XEN, ULBD, Panchkula
15.	Sh. Vinay Shabharwal, XEN, HSIIDC, Panchkula
16.	Sh. Anil Bhardawaj, DA/ CS Office
17.	Sh. Sudhir Mohan, AEE, HSPCB, Panchkula