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**Dated:** 22/11/18

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Kindly find enclosed the Minutes of the Second Meeting of the River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) constituted in compliance to the directions of the Hon'ble NGT dt. 20.09.2018 **passed in OA No. 673/2018 IN THE MATTER OF: NEWS ITEM PUBLISHED IN 'THE HINDU' AUTHORED BY SHRI. JACOB KOSHY Titled "More river stretches are now critically polluted: CPCB"** held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Environment) on 20.11.2018 at Delhi Secretariat, for necessary action please.

**Encl. : As above.**



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17. Sh. D. K. Singh, SEE, DPCC.
18. Dr. Nandita Moitra, Senior Scientist, DPCC.
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**MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE RIVER REJUVENATION COMMITTEE (RRC) CONSTITUTED AS PER THE DIRECTIONS OF THE HON'BLE NGT DT. 20.09.2018 PASSED IN OA NO. 673/2018 IN THE MATTER OF: NEWS ITEM PUBLISHED IN 'THE HINDU' AUTHORED BY SHRI. JACOB KOSHY TITLED "MORE RIVER STRETCHES ARE NOW CRITICALLY POLLUTED: CPCB" CONVENED UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF PRINCIPAL SECRETARY (ENVIRONMENT), GNCTD ON 20.11.2018 AT DELHI SECRETARIAT.**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) constituted in compliance to the directions of the Hon'ble NGT dt. 20.09.2018 passed in OA No. 673/2018 IN THE MATTER OF: NEWS ITEM PUBLISHED IN 'THE HINDU' AUTHORED BY SHRI. JACOB KOSHY Titled "More river stretches are now critically polluted: CPCB" was taken by Principal Secretary (Environment) on 20.11.2018.

As per the directions of the Hon'ble NGT, RRC has to prepare action plan within two months for bringing all the polluted river stretches to be fit at least for bathing purposes (i.e BOD < 3 mg/L and FC < 500 MPN/100 ml) within six months from the date of finalisation of the action plans. As per the Hon'ble NGT order, in case of Delhi, the polluted river stretch has been identified from Wazirabad to Asgarpur village (22 km).

Officers from various Departments including Environment, DPCC, Urban Development, Industries, DJB, DSIIDC, Irrigation and Flood Control Department, PWD, DDA, North MCD, South MCD attended the meeting.

Record of attendance is **enclosed**.

At the outset, Pr. Secretary (Environment) welcomed all the participants and then requested MS (DPCC) and Director (Env.) to deliberate upon the issue.

Director (Env.) briefed about the discussions held during the 1<sup>st</sup> RRC Meeting held on 01.11.2018. During the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, it was decided that the RRC cannot work without participation of other concerned Departments/ Agencies including, DDA, three MCDs, Irrigation and Flood Control Department, DJB (officers already present), PWD, DSIIDC and Forest Department.

**As per the directions, the action plan will include components like:**

- **Identification of polluting sources, including:**
  1. *functioning/ status of STPs/ETPs/CETPs*
  2. *solid waste management and processing facilities,*
  3. *quantification and characterisation of solid waste,*
  4. *trade and sewage generated in the catchment area of polluted river stretch.*
- **The action plan will address issues relating to:**
  1. *ground water extraction,*
  2. *adopting good irrigation practices,*

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3. *protection and management of Flood Plain Zones (FPZ),*
  4. *rain water harvesting,*
  5. *ground water charging,*
  6. *maintaining minimum environmental flow of river and*
  7. *plantation on both sides of the river.*
  8. *Setting up of biodiversity parks on flood plains by removing encroachment shall also be considered as an important component for river rejuvenation.*
  9. *The action plan should focus on proper interception and diversion of sewage carrying drains to the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and*
  10. *Emphasis should be on utilization of treated sewage so as to minimize extraction of ground or surface water.*
- **The action plan should have speedy, definite or specific timelines for execution of steps.**
  - **Hon'ble NGT has directed RRCs to send progress reports by e-mail at [filing.ngt@gmail.com](mailto:filing.ngt@gmail.com) on or before 15.12.2018.**
  - **The matter will be put up for consideration of the Report on 19.12.2018 by the Hon'ble NGT.**

These issues w.r.t. action plan were discussed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of RRC and concluded that the proposed Action Plan of RRC is intended to cover all the points that are mentioned in the 'Action Plan' of the Monitoring Committee for Rejuvenation of River Yamuna appointed by the Hon'ble Tribunal vide Order dt. 26.07.2018 in OA 6/2012 and OA 300/2013 and was submitted to Hon'ble NGT on 22.10.2018. A soft copy of this Action Plan was **circulated with the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> RRC Meeting to all concerned by e-mail**. The minutes and this 'Action Plan' were also circulated to all participants including new Departments with the meeting notice for the 2<sup>nd</sup> RRC Meeting.

The mandate of the Yamuna Monitoring Committee is mentioned in detail in the Hon'ble Tribunal's order dt. 26.07.2018 and covers all the components and is over and above the components to be included in the action plan to be prepared by RRC constituted for Delhi in OA 673/2018.

However, Ms. Poonam Dewan, Addl. Commissioner (Landscape), DDA who is also participating in the meetings chaired by Ms. Shailaja Chandra, informed that DDA has already given their inputs in the Action Plan but still Madam Shailaja Chandra has asked them to include some more additional points. At this Pr. Secretary (Env.) requested her to submit these additional points to RRC also by e-mail at [nigam.agarwal@gov.in](mailto:nigam.agarwal@gov.in) by 26.11.2018 so that they may be included in the Action Plan.

Certain other issues pertaining to different departments were also discussed. These included, untreated sewage from unauthorized colonies and unsewered areas, on-line

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monitoring of STPs, interceptor sewer, CETPs, watering of parks from the nearby existing drains after treatment, plantation along the drains, dredging of drains for debris/ waste and silt etc. and checking throwing of garbage into the drains, implementation of solid waste management bye-laws by the local bodies, etc.

Pr. Secretary (Environment) directed all Officers present from different Departments to **submit their inputs by e-mail at nigam.agarwal@gov.in positively, by 26.11.2018,** regarding the above issues or any other suggestions, if any, for the action plan in addition to what is already covered in the 'Action Plan' already prepared and submitted by the Monitoring Committee for Rejuvenation of River Yamuna to the Hon'ble NGT.

Pr. Secretary (Env.) formed a sub-committee for compilation of the inputs from various Department to be received by 26.11.2018 and incorporation of the same in the already prepared 'Action Plan' by the Monitoring Committee for Rejuvenation of River Yamuna and preparation of the final Action Plan of the RRC. The Sub-Committee to include the following Officers:

1. Ms. Nigam Agarwal, SSO, Env. Department, GNCTD
2. Sh. D.K. Singh, SEE, WMC-II, DPCC
3. Dr. Nandita Moitra, Sr. Scientist (Water Lab.), DPCC
4. Sh. Mukul Bhandula, SE, DJB
5. Sh. Laxmi Narayan, SE, DDA

He directed preparation of the Action Plan at the earliest so that the same may be submitted to CPCB for approval.

In the meanwhile he directed Environment Department to provide inputs to the Law Officer, DPCC who will take necessary action to file an application in the Hon'ble NGT for excluding Delhi from the directions of the Hon'ble NGT dt. 20.09.2018 issued in OA 673/2018.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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