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10. Deputy Commissioner, Faridabad
11. Deputy Commissioner, Palwal
12. Regional officer, HSPCB, Faridabad
13. Regional officer, HSPCB, Ballabgarh
14. Regional officer, HSPCB, Palwal

Sub:-Proceedings of the meeting held on 03.03.2023 at 04:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana in Main Committee Room, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Sector-1, Chandigarh regarding pollution in Yamuna River and Bhudiya Nallah/ Gaunchi Drain.

Please 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 03.03.2023 at 04:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana in Main Committee Room, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Sector-1, Chandigarh regarding pollution in Yamuna River and Bhudiya Nallah/ Gaunchi Drain for your information and further necessary action, please.

DA/As above

Sr. Env. Engineer (HQ)
For Chairman

Endst. No.

Dated:-

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

1. Dr. Babu Ram, Technical Expert, HSPCB.
2. Members of River Yamuna Monitoring Committee, Haryana

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Dated:-

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

1. PS to Chief Secretary, Haryana
2. PS to ACS, Environment Department, Govt. of Haryana.

Signed by Jatinder Pal
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Date: 24/05/2023 17:50:21

Reason: Approved
Sr. Eqv. Engineer (HQ)
For Chairman

Proceedings of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana on 03 March 2023 in the Main Committee Room, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Sector-1, Chandigarh to review implementation of action plans for reducing pollution in drains and for rejuvenation of rivers flowing in the State of Haryana, with particular focus on Faridabad and Palwal districts.

The list of participants is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

At the outset, DC, Faridabad and Palwal made a power point presentation highlighting various issues connected with pollution in drains and the Yamuna river flowing in both districts followed by a brief presentation by SEE (Water Cell), HSPCB on the progress made in the implementation of river action plan.

The issues discussed and the decisions taken in the meeting are as under:

1. Formation of Coordination Committee

The DC Faridabad informed about the overall scenario of sewage and industrial effluent being generated in Faridabad and Palwal districts and implementation status of the action plans to clean the waters flowing in Budhiya Nallah and Gaunchi Drains which ultimately outfall in River Yamuna. He explained that Faridabad city has been divided into 3 zones for planning and monitoring of sewerage network based on topography. A study has been entrusted to Wapcos to assess the quantum of sewage & effluent generation, etc and after the requisite data is made available, it will be used for preparing detailed action plan.

After detailed discussion, it was decided :-

- (i) To constitute a coordination committee under the chairmanship of CEO, FMDA, comprising Commissioner MCF, Chief Administrator HSVP, MD HSIIDC, Director ULBD, Director D&P, DC Faridabad and ROs of HSPCB, Faridabad and Palwal Regions as members, to assess the existing status of sewage and industrial effluent generation in the city, review the progress achieved so far in waste water treatment by different agencies, identifying the main challenges etc.
- (ii) To prepare detailed action plans for achieving the objectives, along with definite and challenging time lines. The committee will cover all the 3 regions of the city.
- (iii) The detailed terms of reference of the committee will be issued by the CEO FMDA.
- (iv) The first meeting of the committee will be convened next week.
- (v) The decisions taken on further course of plan may be incorporated in the presentation to be made by the CS on 20th April, 2023 before the Hon'ble NGT.
- (vi) The committee will make suitable recommendations about construction of STPs/ CETPs and laying of sewerage lines in the district, by different agencies and also monitor smooth implementation of under construction projects.

The ACS, Industries assured that HSIIDC shall construct the CETPs as per recommendations of the committee, provided suitable land is made available, requisite clearances are obtained and adequate funds are provided by agencies concerned.

2. Slow progress of 100 MLD STP Pratapgarh

The matter of slow progress of the construction of 100 MLD STP at Pratapgarh was discussed. It was informed that original timeline for completion was 01 November 2022 but was

extended up to 31 December 2023 primarily due to fund crunch. Director ULB disagreed with the stand of the MCF about lack of funds.

CS asked the Commissioner MCF to sort out the matter immediately and submit a report within next 10 days about provisioning of funds for the completion of the project.

3. Timelines for treatment system in villages

DC Faridabad presented details of proposed treatment system in 8 villages and non-availability of land. It was suggested that possibility of micro STPs should be explored.

After discussions, the Chief Secretary desired that ACS D&P will fix the timelines for treatment system in the respective villages within a week and submit report accordingly. However, ACS DP vide letter dated 15 March 2023 conveyed that commission, operation and maintenance of Micro STPS under Yamuna Action Plan has been transferred to PHED. Now, ACS PHED to convey the timeline for these STPs.

4. Disposal of effluent through illegal tankers

On the issue of disposal of untreated effluent through illegal tankers, it was informed that illegal discharge through tankers in river Yamuna and drains is rampant.

CS desired that this matter will be taken up in all seriousness by the DC concerned and a detailed action plan will be prepared within a week and implement the same as per timelines.

5. Installation of fencing on drains to prevent disposal of solid waste/ remains of pooja material into rivers/ drains

In the presentation, the DC informed about the large scale disposal of solid waste into drains and the plan to erect fencing/ wire mesh at vulnerable points so that solid waste or pooja material is not disposed into drains/ rivers/ canals.

After discussion, the CS observed that all such locations should be identified within 10 days. CE MCF assured that wire meshes will be installed by 31 May 2023 and maintenance schedule along with mechanism for taking out waste material regularly from the meshes / drains will be put in place at the earliest.

6. Action on complaints received on NMCG portal

DC Faridabad reported about the status of complaints lodged by public on NMCG portal. SEE, HSPCB informed that this portal is being operated by NMCG as per directions of NGT in matter of OA No. 673/ 2018 "critically polluted river Stretches". The complaints are forwarded by NMCG to respective Chief Secretary of the State concerned. In Haryana, SEE (WC), HSPCB is looking after this portal and respective complaint is forwarded to SESTF for action. So far the action is very slow or ineffective. RO Faridabad informed that many of the complaints are against illegal small units who take away their machines and shift to other places.

SEE informed that as per mandate given by NGT, civil and criminal cases are to be filed against the violators. They might be violating electricity or taxation norms also. Chairman HSPCB with SESTFs, to invite officers from Power, Taxation and Revenue departments during raids on these illegal units. These raids should be planned and combined teams should find all record of violators and deterrent action should be taken. The status report as "record of the violators not found" should not be sent, in the normal course. It may be construed as shielding the culprits which is contempt of NGT directions and hence, invites penal action.

After discussion, CS asked DC Faridabad to take an exemplary action in this matter.

7. Timelines for activities of Action Plan

SEE HSPCB made a brief presentation on the activities of the action plan. Many projects are either not started or delayed. It was informed that OA No. 562 of 2022-Ishika Vs NCT was taken up by NGT on 16 February 2022 where in the State had submitted that 540 MLD of untreated effluent is being released into drains joining river Yamuna along with action plan thereof. NGT has directed to cut short the timelines and did not accept the timelines which are up to year 2027.

The list of various activities like laying of sewerage, interception of untreated effluent in towns and villages, construction of STPs/ CETPs etc. were presented.

After discussion, CS desired that the revised timelines be given by all the departments concerned by next week. The plan for villages of Yamuna/ Ghaggar catchment have been envisaged but OA No. 606 of 2018, status of all villages of Haryana has to be given. Hence, the status report for all villages and proposed timelines is required so that it can be incorporated in the status to be submitted by CS, Haryana before NGT, a week in advance to 20 April 2023.

8. Water Quality of the drains joining river Yamuna

SEE, HSPCB informed that inspite of action plan being implemented, the BOD level in some drains has increased in year 2022 compared to the previous year. It indicates that SESTFs are not working upto the desired level. Reasons must be identified for the increase in pollution levels and take remedial action thereof.

After discussion, CS desired that the functioning of STPs/ CETPs should also be closely checked by the concerned departments.

The meeting ended with thanks to all the participants.

Annexure-I

List of participants of meeting held on 03.03.2023 at 4:00 PM under the Chairmanship Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal, IAS, Chief Secretary Haryana in Main Committee Room, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Sector-1 Chandigarh regarding pollution in Yamuna River and Budhiya Nallah/Gaunchi Drain.

Sr.no	Name and Designation
1.	Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryanain Chair
2.	Sh. P. Raghavendra Rao, Chairman, HSPCB, Panchkula
3.	Sh. Anil Malik, IAS, ACS, D & P Deptt, Govt of Haryana, Chandigarh
4.	Sh. Anand M. Sharan, IAS, ACS Industry & Commerce Deptt, Govt of Haryana, Chandigarh
5	Sh. Vineet Garg, IAS, ACS, Environment and Forest Department, Govt of Haryana, Chandigarh
6	Sh.Pankaj Aggarwal, IAS, C&S , I&WRD, Govt of Haryana, Chandigarh
7	Sh. Vikas Gupta, IAS, MD, HSIIDC, Panchkula
8	Sh. Pardeep Kumar, IAS, DG Environment Deptt., Panchkula
9	Sh. D.K. Behra, IAS, Director, ULB Deptt, Panchkula
10	Sh. Vikram, IAS, DC Faridabad
11	Ms Neha Singh, IAS, DC, Palwal
12	Ms Manita Malik, HCS, Addl. Director, Transport Deptt, Haryana Chandigarh
13	Sh. Pardeep Ahlawat, AD, Transport Deptt, Haryana Chandigarh
14	Sh. Birender Singh, EIC, Irrigation Deptt, Panchkula
15	Sh. Asheem Khanna, EIC, PHED, Panchkula
16	Sh. Rakesh Kumar, CE, PHED, Panchkula
17	Sh. Shailender Singh, CE, PHED Panchkula
18	Sh. Sanjiv Chopra, C.E, HSVP, Panchkula
19	Sh. Ishwar Singh, CE, D & P Deptt, Haryana Chandigarh
20	Sh. Sanjan Kumar, STP, TCP Deptt, Panchkula
21	Dr. P.K.M.K Das, Member RYMC
22	ER. Y.K Garg, Member RYMC
23	Sh. A.K Bhardhnaj, DA/ CS office, Haryana, Chandigarh
24	Sh. JP Singh, SEE, HSPCB, Panchkula
25	Sh. Rakesh Pal, SE, PHED, Panchkula
26	Sh. B.K Kardam, MCF
27	Sh.Dinesh Kumar R.O, HSPCB Ballabgarh
28	Smt. Samita Kanodia, R.O HSPCB. Faridabad
29	Sh. Vijay Chaudhary R.O, Palwal
30	Sh. Ranbir Singh, XEN, ULBD, Panchkula