



Government of Jammu and Kashmir
J&K State Pollution Control Board
Jammu

Winter office: November-April
Parivesh Bhawan, Gladhi,
Transport Nagar, Narwal,
Jammu. (J&K) 180006.
Ph./Fax. 0191-2476925

Summer Office: May-October
Sheikh-ul-Alam Campus,
Behind Govt. Silk Factory,
Rajbagh, Srinagar (J&K) 190008
Ph./Fax. 0194-2311163.

email: membersecretaryjkspcb@gmail.com

- Sub: Minutes of the River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) meeting held on dt. 24-11-2018.**
Ref: i) Hon'ble NGT order dt. 20-09-2018 O.A No. 673/2018 in the matter of 'News item published in the Hindu' "More river stretches are now critically polluted : CPCB".
ii) Meeting notice no. SPCB/NGT/47/2018/843-45 dt. 22-11-2018.

The River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) meeting was held on 24-11-2018 under the chairmanship of Shri B. Siddharatha Kumar, IFS, Pr.CCF / Director, Department of Environment, Ecology and Remote Sensing (Head of the RRC) in the office of Director Environment, Ecology and Remote Sensing, Narwal Jammu . The following officers attended the meeting and discussed the formation of **Action Plan for Rejuvenation of Polluted River Stretches of J&K.**

- i) Director, Industries and Commerce Department, Jammu – **Member RRC.**
- ii) Director, Urban Development Department, Jammu – **Member RRC.**
- iii) Member Secretary, J&K SPCB – **Member RRC** along with Dr. Yash Paul Scientist 'B' I/c Labs Jammu and Sh. Mohd. Sultan Scientist 'B' I/c Air Lab, Srinagar

At the outset, the Member Secretary, J&K SPCB briefed the Hon'ble NGT order dt. 20-09-2018 to the RRC members in details, to discuss the formulation of **Action Plans for Rejuvenation of Polluted River Stretches of J&K.**

The following decisions have been taken in the meeting: -

1. Action Plan under Rejuvenation of Polluted River Stretches:

- a) To **Control Pollution** and to restore the wholesomeness of water at least to the bathable level for the identified 09 stretches of all polluted rivers of J&K as per priority status accorded, the comprehensive Action Plan shall be based on adequate inputs from all the stake holders / agencies for which the RRC shall co-opt the following Govt. departments to assist the RRC in formulation of Action Plan.

- a. *Commissioner Jammu Municipal Corporation, Jammu.*
- b. *Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Srinagar.*
- c. *Vice chairman LAWDA.*
- d. *Chief Executive Officer, SMVD, Katra.*
- e. *Chief Engineer UEED.*
- f. *Managing Director SIDCO*

The Member Secretary, SPCB shall flag this issue with the Commissioner / Secretary to Govt. Forests Department who is supervising and coordinating the functioning of RRC. This input is important for the formulation of the Action Plan as these Govt. agencies / departments are also actively involved in the management of some of these rivers and are having some action plans for restoring water quality and containing pollution load of these rivers.

b) The **Action Plans for Banganga** prepared by **Sri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, (SMVD) River Devika – Udhampur** by **UEED, Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan for Jammu and Srinagar cities, Chunt Kol and Gawkadal streams** connecting the **Dal, Jehlum** etc. from **LAWDA** are some important inputs identified for the preparation of Action Plan for submission to the CPCB, which shall be considered with inputs from the respective departments.

c) Further, the Member Secretary SPCB shall immediately take up the matter with the Commissioner / Secretary to Govt. Forests Department for the issuance of formal order by the Govt. to set up **Special Environment Surveillance Task Force**, comprising nominees of:

- a) *District Magistrate*
- b) *Superintendent of Police*
- c) *Regional Officer of State Pollution Control Board and*
- d) *One person to be nominated by District Judge in his capacity as Chairman of Legal Service authority on the pattern of direction of Tribunal dt. 07-08-2018.*

d) The RRC shall immediately have a **website** inviting public participation from **educational institutions, religious institutions and commercial establishments.**

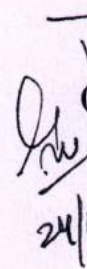
2. **Action Plan for Control of Air Pollution under National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) Non – attainment Cities** i.e Jammu and Srinagar Cities by **Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC)**. The committee also took this opportunity to discuss the Hon'ble NGT order dt. **08-10-218** for preparation of **Action Plan for Jammu and Srinagar Cities** for control of **Air Pollution**, as both **RRC** and **AQMC** as per Hon'ble NGT orders have some common members with Director, Department of Environment, Ecology and Remote Sensing as head for both the committees. The members of the committee suggested to co-opt the following Govt. offices / departments for their inputs / data etc. required for the formation of Action Plan for Jammu and Srinagar cities for control of Air Pollution.

- a) **Commissioner, Jammu Municipal Corporation, Jammu.**
- b) **Commissioner, Srinagar Municipal Corporation, Srinagar.**
- c) **I.G Traffic Department J&K.**

The relevant inputs required for the purpose include carrying capacity of cities w.r.t. **Vehicular pollution, Population density, extent of construction and construction activities, phasing out plan for the old vehicles, setting up of CNG stations for vehicles as clean fuel etc.**

It was also decided that the Member Secretary SPCB shall take up matter with Commissioner / Secretary to Govt., Forests Department and respective departments as the Commissioner / Secretary Forests of the State has been cast with the responsibility of supervision of the task of formation of Action Plan for the State.

The head of the Committee also decided that the **next meeting** shall be held for both **RRC** and **AQMC** on **3rd December 2018**, with participation of the committee members and co-opted offices, so that both the **Action Plans** are submitted to the CPCB in a time bound manner in compliance to Hon'ble NGT orders.


(B. M. Sharma) IFS
Member Secretary
SPCB, Jammu.
24/11/18

No: SPCB/NGT/47/2018/853-62.

Dt. 24-11-2018.

Copy to the:

- i) Commissioner / Secretary to Govt., Department of Forests, Environment, Ecology, Civil Secretariat, Jammu for information please.
- ii) Director / Pr. CCF, Department of Environment, Ecology and Remote Sensing (**Head of RRC / AQMC**) for information please.
- iii) Director, Transport / Transport Commissioner, (**Member AQMC**) J&K for information Please.
- iv) Director, Industries and Commerce Department, Jammu / Kashmir (**Member RRC / AQMC**) for information and necessary action.
- v) Director, Urban Development Department, Jammu / Kashmir (**Member RRC / AQMC**) for information and necessary action.
- vi) Director Agriculture Department Jammu / Kashmir (**Member AQMC**) for information and necessary action.
- vii) P. A to Chairman for information of the Chairman, J&K SPCB, Jammu.