

Minutes of Third Meeting of State Ganga Committee (SGC), Uttarakhand held on 29-05-2018

The third meeting of Uttarakhand State Ganga Committee was held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand on 29-05-2018 at Chief Secretary Meeting Hall, Dehradun Secretariat. The meeting was attended by Ex-officio members of SGC/their representatives, along with officials from concerned departments and executing agencies. The list of participants is annexed.

At the outset, Program Director apprised the Committee of the constitution and mandate of State Ganga Committee along with decisions taken in the Second meeting of SGC dated 26-12-2017.

Agenda wise discussion was held and the decisions taken are as follows:

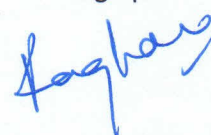
1. Agenda 1: Compliance of Decisions taken in Second meeting of Uttarakhand State Ganga Committee held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand dated 26-12-2017:

The Committee was apprised of the decisions taken in the second meeting of SGC dated 26-12-2017. Compliance report as per the decisions taken was presented and concerned departments informed about the progress. Chief Secretary expressed his displeasure over the compliance report regarding meetings held with stakeholders and directed Program Director, SPMG to collect all related details including the number of meetings held with its date and venue, name of officials attending the meetings, number of participants, etc. from concerned departments and annex the same as a part of Compliance report in the next meeting. (Action: SPMG)

The committee was apprised that successful coordination has been established between SPMG and UEPPCB and continuous data is being shared regarding compliance status of industries, hotels, ashrams; notices issued by UEPPCB, etc. Chief Secretary directed that the SPMG should actively participate with UEPPCB in order to exercise the powers under Section 5 of EP Act 1986. (Action: SPMG)

The Committee was apprised that Sewerage infrastructure projects under NGRBA have been completed by Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam (UKPJN) and House Service Connections (HSC) has to be provided by Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan (UJS). Chief Secretary directed that HSC in Badrinath and Gangotri towns should be completed before completion of current Yatra season. Further, Quality assessment of civil works and testing of Effluent parameter should also be done and monthly report should be submitted to SPMG.

The committee was apprised that under Namami Gange program, all I&D and STP projects have been awarded and works are ongoing for each project. The project for Pollution Abatement and ghat works in Kedarpuri area had been revised as per Kedarnath Redevelopment Plan and revised tenders have been evaluated by UKPJN. General Manager, Ganga informed that as per revised work and scope the cost of tender is



on higher side and the proposal has been sent to SPMG/NMCG for approval. Chief Secretary sir directed that proposal should be checked and the costing should be justified before submitting to NMCG. (Action: SPMG)

The Committee was apprised that directions given with respect to River Front Development works, Forestry Interventions and Solid Waste Management project have been complied.

2. Agenda 2: Review of Namami Gange Projects:

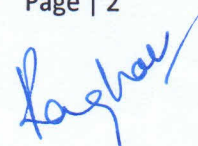
The component wise status of projects was briefed by Program Director.

a) I&D and STP projects: The Committee was apprised about the current physical and financial progress of I&D and STP works under Namami Gange. Chief Secretary enquired about the status of projects as per the milestones targeted & achieved. MD, UKPIN informed that all the projects have significant progress except 04 projects, namely Rudraprayag, Karanprayag, Nandprayag and Gopeshwar, have very less progress and notice for termination/ liquidated damages has been issued against the concerned contractor as per the contract agreement. Chief Secretary directed District Magistrate, Rudraprayag to call a meeting with the concerned contractor along with UKPIN officials to expedite the projects. Further Chief Secretary directed that all District Magistrates should review the progress of Namami Gange Projects against the milestone set according to the submitted PERT charts. (Action: Respective District Magistrate)

b) River Front Development (construction of Ghat & Crematoria): The Committee was apprised about the status of River Front Development (RFD) works under Namami Gange. WAPCOS Ltd. informed that the works of development of Ghats and Crematoria in all 03 stretches will be completed by June 2018 and the project of Chandi Ghat Development, Haridwar will complete by December 2018. State Irrigation Department informed that the works of development of Ghats and Crematoria in all 04 stretches is ongoing but progress for 01 stretch, namely Rudraprayag to Karanprayag, is less. Chief Secretary directed District Magistrate, Rudraprayag and Chamoli to do periodic monitoring and provide necessary support to expedite the progress. (Action: District Magistrate, Rudraprayag and Chamoli)

c) Forestry Intervention: The Committee was apprised about the Forestry Interventions along river Ganga undertaken by State Forest Department. Chief Conservator of Forest (CCF), Namami Gange informed that the works have been completed as per Annual Plan of Operation (APO) 2016-17 and works are ongoing as per APO 2017-18 & 2018-19.

3. Agenda 3: Compliance by Urban Development Department (UDD) regarding directions given earlier for continuous Solid Waste Management in municipal drains/nalas: The Committee was apprised that Hon'ble Chief Minister, Uttarakhand and Director General, NMCG have directed in the review meeting that regular cleaning should be done for last 01 KM of the drains/nallas on priority in Haridwar, Rishikesh and Muni ki Reti towns. Director, Urban Development Department (UDD) informed that manpower have been deployed and continuous cleaning is being done by respective ULBs. Chief



Secretary directed that until the nallas/drains are tapped in the I&D and STP projects, a temporary and fail-safe arrangements such as wire mesh, screen, etc. should be installed to capture the solid waste floating in the drains. He also informed that these towns are on priority watch list of the Govt. of India and in case of non compliance of directions, serious consequence will follow on the officials of implementing agencies.
(Action: UDD/MNA, Haridwar/ Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam/ Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan)

4. **Status of submission of new DPRs to NMCG:** The committee was apprised that DPRs for various projects have been submitted by SPMG to NMCG amounting to Rs. 450.62 Cr. , DPRs amounting to Rs. 189.91 Cr. have been submitted to UEPPCB by SPMG for their comments and projects amounting to Rs. 1077.67 Cr. are under preparation by Executing Agencies.
5. **Review of District Ganga Committees:** The Committee was apprised that District Ganga Committees have been constituted vide Gazette notification dated 18/07/2017 and 08/08/2017 in 07 Districts of Garhwal Region of Uttarakhand with concerned District Magistrate as Chairperson and DFOs as the Member and Convenor. It was also informed that Namami Gange Program is one of the flagship program of Govt. of India and continuous monitoring is to be done at District level also. Chief Secretary sir directed all District Magistrates that regular meetings of DGC (every 03 months) should be convened and close monitoring should be done. Budgetary provision has also been made for each DGC by NMCG to carry out IEC activities in respective districts. **(Action: Respective District Magistrates)**
6. Mr. Anil Gautam (Nominated member) suggested that baseline data for every project under Namami Gange should be collected and impact assessment should be carried out during implementation and after completion of the projects. Chief Secretary acknowledged the same and directed all implementing agencies to gather baseline data and undertake impact assessment of their projects. **(Action: Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam/ Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan/ WAPCOS Ltd./ State Irrigation Department/State Forest Department)**
7. Dr. Santosh Rai (Nominated Member) suggested that in order to increase ecological flow in the river, works being undertaken for catchment area treatment should be integrated with the Namami Gange Project. Chief Secretary acknowledged the same and directed State Forest Department to prepare a proposal and put up the same to SPMG. **(Action: State Forest Department)**

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.


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