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Minutes of Fourth Meeting of State Ganga Committee (SGC), Uttarakhand held on 25-09-2018

The fourth meeting of Uttarakhand State Ganga Committee was held under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand on 25-09-2018 at Chief Secretary Meeting Hall, Dehradun Secretariat. The meeting was attended by Ex-officio members of SGC or their representatives, along with officials from concerned departments and executing agencies. The list of participants is annexed. The concerned District Magistrates along with the members of the District Ganga Committee (DGC) were also connected through Video conferencing.

At the outset, Program Director apprised the Committee of the constitution and mandate of State Ganga Committee along with decisions taken in the third meeting of SGC dated 29-05-2018.

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

1. Agenda 1: Compliance of Decisions taken in third meeting of Uttarakhand State Ganga Committee held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand dated 29-05-2018:

The Committee was apprised of the decisions taken in the third meeting of SGC dated 29-05-2018. Compliance report as per the decisions taken was presented and concerned departments informed about the progress. The committee was apprised that continuous meetings with concerned stakeholders are being undertaken. Chief Secretary instructed Program Director, SPMG to collect the details of all such meetings from all respective DMs and Executing agencies and prepare a compliance report for any issues raised in these meetings. It was also instructed that all such details should be made available on public domain by uploading the same on the SPMG Website. **(Action: SPMG)**

The committee was apprised that Feasible House Service Connections (HSC) in Badrinath and Gangotri towns have increased substantially. Further, Chief General Manager, Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan (UJS) informed that a proposal for leftover HSC is being prepared for Badrinath town and same will be submitted to SPMG for funding. Chief Secretary directed District Magistrate (DM), Uttarkashi and Chamoli to ensure that all feasible HSCs in Badrinath and Gangotri towns are completed by December 2018. **(Action: CGM, UJS/ DM, Uttarkashi/ DM, Chamoli)**

2. Agenda 2: Review of Namami Gange Projects:

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

a) I&D and STP projects: The Committee was apprised about the status of I&D and STP works under Namami Gange. Managing Director (MD), UKPJN informed that all the projects have made significant progress and out of total 18 projects, 14 projects will be completed by December 2018, 02 will be completed by March 2019 and remaining 02 will be completed by May 2019 & November 2019 respectively. General Manager (Ganga), UKPJN informed that Upgradation works of 27 MLD STP Jagjeetpur and 18

MLD Sarai was delayed due to extended monsoons but will be completed as per targeted date (December 2018). Chief Secretary directed MD, UKPJN to monitor the progress and expedite the projects. Further Chief Secretary directed that all District Magistrates should also review the progress of Namami Gange Projects against the milestone set according to the PERT charts. **(Action: MD, UKPJN and 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. Project Manager, WAPCOS Ltd. informed that out of 11 ghats and 10 Crematoria, 10 ghats and 09 Crematoria have been completed and remaining 01 ghat and 01 Crematoria will be completed by October 2018. The project of Chandi Ghat Development, Haridwar will be completed by December 2018.

State Irrigation Department informed that the works of development of Ghats and Crematoria in all 09 ghats and 11 Crematoria are ongoing and will be completed by December 2018. The Chief Secretary enquired about the quality assessment of all the projects. Program Director, SPMG informed that the procedure for selection of Third Party Inspection (TPI) Agency is ongoing. Chief Secretary directed that Quality Assessment and Quality Check should be undertaken by concerned departments as per the procurement rules and the reports for the same should be submitted to SPMG on monthly basis. **(Action: All Executing Agencies and SPMG)**

- 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. The Chief Secretary directed the CCF, Namami Gange to saturate all the habitations situated along the river Ganga with plantation so that the impact is quite visible along the river in near future.

3. **Agenda 3: Status of Solid Waste Management in 15 priority towns located along Ganga and continuous cleaning of municipal drains/nalas in these towns by Urban Development Department (UDD):** The Committee was apprised that as per the directions received from Principal Secretary to Prime Minister vide letter dated 08/09/2018, *all ULBs situated along the banks of river Ganga should ensure that screen for tapping solid waste are installed in drains that discharge into the river. These screens should be installed at least 01km away from the outflow and thereafter, as required, at regular intervals in order to ensure that no solid waste is carried into the river.* Additional Secretary, Urban Development Department (UDD) informed that screens have been installed in many drains and man power have been deployed for continuous cleaning of all such drains is being done by respective ULBs. Chief Secretary directed all the concerned Districts Magistrates to ensure that screens/Jallies/Catch Pits etc. are installed within 15 days at the outfall points of all such drains that are directly discharging into the river and ensure cleaning of solid waste on a regular basis. **(Action: Urban Development Department and respective DMs)**

4. **Agenda 4: Bidding status of Ghat Cleaning Works in Haridwar being implemented by Nagar Nigam, Haridwar:** The committee was apprised that NMCG has sanctioned a project for Ghat Cleaning Works for total 72 ghats in Haridwar amounting to Rs. 15.90 Cr. on 17-07-2018. The Implementing Agency for the project is Nagar Nigam, Haridwar. The project is under tendering. Chief Secretary directed Nagar Nigam, Haridwar to expedite the process and award the work at the earliest. **(Action: Nagar Nigam, Haridwar)**
5. **Agenda 5: Review of meetings held and issues undertaken by District Ganga Committees:** The Committee was apprised that District Ganga Committees (DGCs) 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. Meeting of each DGC should be convened every quarter for continuous monitoring of Namami Gange program at District level. Program Director, SPMG also informed that an amount of Rs. 3.0 Lakh each has been transferred to each DGC for undertaking various activities pertaining to rejuvenation and pollution abatement works on river Ganga. Chief Secretary directed all District Magistrates to convene regular meetings of DGC and submit the Minutes of Meeting to SPMG office. **(Action: Respective District Magistrates)**

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

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3. Secretary, Urban Development, Government of Uttarakhand.
4. Secretary, Environment & Forest, Government of Uttarakhand.
5. Secretary, Irrigation, Government of Uttarakhand.
6. Secretary, Drinking Water, Government of Uttarakhand.
7. Chairman, Uttarakhand Environment Protection and Pollution Control Board.
8. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF), Government of Uttarakhand.
9. District Magistrate, Dehradun/ Haridwar/ Tehri Garhwal/ Pauri Garhwal/ Rudrapur/ Chamoli/ Uttarkashi.
10. Dr. A.A. Kazmi, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee.
11. Dr. A.K. Lohani, Scientist 'G', National Institute of Hydrology (NIH), Roorkee.
12. Dr. Santosh Rai, Scientist 'D', Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG), Dehradun.
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