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Minutes of Fifth Meeting of State Ganga Committee (SGC), Uttarakhand held on 25-01-2019

The fifth meeting of Uttarakhand State Ganga Committee was held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand on 25-01-2019 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.

At the outset, Program Director apprised the Committee of the constitution and mandate of State Ganga Committee along with decisions taken in the fourth meeting of SGC dated 25-09-2018.

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

1. Agenda 1: Compliance of Decisions taken in fourth meeting of Uttarakhand State Ganga Committee held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand dated 25-09-2018:

The Committee was apprised of the decisions taken in the fourth meeting of SGC dated 25-09-2018. Compliance report as per the decisions taken was presented and concerned departments informed about the progress. The committee was apprised that meetings with concerned stakeholders are being undertaken on monthly basis by executing agencies and SPMG. Further it was apprised that District Ganga Committees (DGCs) are undertaking meetings on fortnightly basis as per the order of Hon'ble NGT and submitting the Minutes of Meeting to SPMG, which are being uploaded on the SPMG website. Chief Secretary instructed Program Director, SPMG to continuously monitor the issue that are being raised in DGC meetings and intervene in any such matters which are to be resolved on priority basis. (Action: SPMG)

The committee was apprised that SPMG has released funds for House Service Connections (HSCs) in Devprayag, Gangotri and Badrinath towns. Chief General Manager, Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan (UJS) informed that feasible HSCs in Gangotri have been completed and have increased substantially in Badrinath and Devprayag towns. Works in Devprayag towns will be completed by 15 February 2019. The Chairman enquired about the total population and number of Households in all priority towns of Uttarakhand. It was informed by UJS and Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam (UKPJN) that details are being compiled and accordingly DPRs are being prepared to provide HSCs. Chief Secretary directed Chief General Manager, Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan (UJS) to prepare DPRs for HSCs in all priority towns at the earliest and submit it to SPMG. (Action: CGM, UJS/MD, UKPJN)

2. Agenda 2: Review of Namami Gange Projects:

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



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- 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 out of total 19 sanctioned projects, 05 projects have been completed, 07 projects will be completed by March 2019 and 06 will be completed beyond March 2019. General Manager (Ganga), UKPJN informed that work at 01 STP site of Joshimath have been delayed due to continuous landslides, work at 01 STP site of Rudrapayag have been delayed due to widening of bridge proposed by PWD department and 01 STP at Muni ki Reti will be delayed to difficult construction site and delay in submission of discharge by the contractor. Hence, accordingly timelines have to be revised for the projects. Chief Secretary directed MD, UKPJN to expedite the progress of all the projects and provide the information indicating progress of projects as per the targeted milestones set according to the PERT charts. (Action: MD, UKPJN)
- 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 all of 11 Ghats and 10 Crematoria in 03 stretches have been completed and the project of Chandi Ghat Development, Haridwar will completed by February 2019. State Irrigation Department informed that out of sanctioned 09 Ghats and 11 Crematoria, 06 Ghats and 07 Crematoria have been completed and remaining will be completed by February 2019. Chief Secretary enquired whether the quality assessments of all the projects have been undertaken. WAPCOS Ltd. and State Irrigation Department informed that quality check has been undertaken through IRI, Roorkee, concerned PWD labs and other NABL accredited labs, and the reports are being submitted to SPMG/NMCG on monthly basis. Chief Secretary directed SPMG to collect details from Irrigation Department and WAPCOS Ltd. indicating the number of quality checks undertaken, number of times the quality have been found sub-standard and remedial measures taken for the same. (Action: SPMG/ Irrigation Dept./ WAPCOS Ltd.)
- 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. A total of 2,73,000 plants are proposed to be planted in total area of 273 Ha of 40 gram panchayats along river Ganga. Chief Secretary directed CCF to coordinate with EAs of Namami Gange and undertake plantations on the site of completed projects of Ghats, Crematoria and STPs and others places on the banks of river Ganga. (Action: CCF Namami Gange)



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- d) **Ghat Cleaning works in Haridwar:** The Committee was apprised that a project for ghats cleaning works for total 72 ghats in Haridwar amounting to Rs. 15.92 Cr. was approved by NMCG in July 2018. The Implementing Agency for the project is Nagar Nigam Haridwar. RFD Specialist, SPMG informed that Nagar Nigam Haridwar have finalized the process and will award the work before 31st January 2019. Chief Secretary expressed his displeasure on the delay on award of the work and directed PD, SPMG to expedite the process. (Action: SPMG)
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 screens/Jallies/Catch Pits have been installed in all the drains and man power have been deployed for continuous cleaning of all drains by respective ULBs. Chief Secretary directed SPMG to continuously monitor the regular cleaning of drains and create a reporting mechanism for submission of reports and photographs of cleaning activities on fortnightly basis. (Action: SPMG/Respective District Magistrates/UDD)
4. **Agenda 4: 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 Convener. Program Director, SPMG also informed that meetings of each DGC are being held on fortnightly basis, as per the directions of Hon'ble NGT, for continuous monitoring of Namami Gange program at District level and also an amount of Rs. 5.0 Lakh each have been transferred to each DGC for undertaking various activities pertaining to rejuvenation and pollution abatement works on river Ganga. Chief Secretary directed PD SPMG to continuously monitor the DGC meetings and decisions undertaken in all the DGC meetings. It was also directed that each DGC should be provided with the key points on which each DGC should monitor. (Action: SPMG/Respective District Magistrates)

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


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2. Secretary, Finance, Government of Uttarakhand.
3. Secretary, Urban Development, Government of Uttarakhand.
4. Secretary, Environment & Forest, Government of Uttarakhand.



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5. Secretary, Irrigation, Government of Uttarakhand
6. Secretary, Drinking Water, Government of Uttarakhand.
7. Chairman, Uttarakhand Environment Protection and Pollution Control Board.
8. District Magistrate, Dehradun/Haridwar/Tehri Garhwal/Pauri Garhwal/Rudraprayag/ Chamoli/ Uttarkashi.
9. Dr. A.A. Kazmi, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee.
10. Dr. A.K. Lohani, Scientist 'G', National Institute of Hydrology (NIH), Roorkee.
11. Dr. Santosh Rai, Scientist 'D', Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG), Dehradun.
12. Dr. Anil Gautam, People Science Institute (PSI), Dehradun.
13. Dr. Vishal Singh, Centre of Ecological Development & Research (CEDAR), Dehradun.


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