

LetterNo. **1022**/SPMG/NamamiGange/**SGC**Dated: **29/11/2019****Ganga's purity is our responsibility
Save Ganga, Save Water, Save Life****Minutes of Meeting****Seventh Meeting of State Ganga Committee (SGC), Uttarakhand dated 20-11-2019**

The Seventh meeting of Uttarakhand State Ganga Committee was held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand on 20-11-2019 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 (PD), SPMG welcomed the Chairman, members of the committee and apprised the Committee of the constitution and mandate of State Ganga Committee along with decisions taken in the sixth meeting of SGC.

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

1. Agenda 1: Compliance of Decisions taken in fifth meeting of Uttarakhand State Ganga Committee:

The Committee was apprised of the decisions taken in the fifth meeting of SGC. Compliance report as per the decisions taken was presented and concerned departments informed about the progress. The committee was apprised the status of House Service Connections (HSCs) in Devprayag, Tapovan, Gangotri and Badrinath towns. It was apprised that a detailed household survey has been done in these towns jointly by UKPJN, UJS, UDD and concerned ULB. As per the report of survey with regard to Devprayag town, the technically feasible households will be connected to existing sewerage system through individual pumping and for remaining households, the owners have to shift their toilets within their premises after which they will be connected to the system. Notices have been issued to such households under section 5 of EPA. Further the households which could not be connected to existing sewerage system, will be covered through Septage management. EoI has been invited by SPMG to design the suction vehicles and the proposal has been examined jointly by SPMG, GiZ, UKPJN and UDD. Accordingly, the suction vehicles will be procured by UDD.

Chief Secretary directed Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam (UKPJN) and Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan (UJS) to complete the works in these towns before next yatra season. Demand of funds should be submitted immediately to State Government for release of funds required for House service connections and Septage management in these towns. Further, it was directed that Flood Plain Zoning should be done by Irrigation department at the earliest and submit the details to the competent authorities about Households which lie in the Flood plain, so that necessary action can also be taken as per law. **(Action: UKPJN, UJS, UDD and Irrigation Department)**

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 that total 21 projects have been sanctioned out of which 20 projects are ongoing. Out of 20 ongoing projects, 10 projects have been completed, 05 projects will be completed by December 2019, 02 projects will be completed by February 2020, 01 project will be completed by June 2020, 01 project will be completed by August 2020 and 01 project will be completed by November 2020. Chief Secretary directed concerned District Magistrates (DMs) to monitor the projects in respective district by holding regular meeting of DGCs. Chief Secretary, further directed that regular tests of water quality should be undertaken and reports should be presented to respective DMs by concerned officials of UKPJN, UJS and UEPPCB. (Action: Concerned DMs, UKPJN, UJS, UEPPCB)

b) Forestry Intervention: The Committee was apprised about the Forestry Interventions along river Ganga is 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, 2017-18 & 2018-19. A total of 37,25,000 plants have been planted in total area of 3725 Ha along river Ganga. The committee enquired about the Quality Check for the said project. CCF informed that the quality check for the project will start as per the guidelines. Chief Secretary directed CCF undertake the quality check and submit the reports to SPMG. (Action: CCF Namami Gange)

c) 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. is being implemented by Nagar Nigam Haridwar. PD, SPMG informed that the concerned agency for the Ghat cleaning activities is not performing as per the standards and complains are being received regarding the same. The same was confirmed by DM, Haridwar. Chief Secretary expressed his displeasure on the same and directed Additional Secretary and Director, Urban Development to conduct a joint inspection along with the DM, Haridwar and MNA, Haridwar to assess the situation and submit the report within 01 week to SPMG. Further, it was directed that MNA, Haridwar should take necessary action on the concerned contractor. It was also informed that there are no codes, guidelines or standards to monitor the ghat cleaning works through which constant monitoring can be undertaken. Chief Secretary directed UDD to develop benchmarks for the ghat cleaning works so that proper monitoring can be done by the Executing agency. (Action: UDD, DM Haridwar, MNA Haridwar)

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 cleaning of all drains is being done by respective ULBs and constant monitoring is being done by concerned Sanitary Inspectors. It was enquired whether there is any procedure for monitoring of these drains as well as any procedure to cross check the same. UDD informed that log books are maintained by ULBs and same are verified by concerned sanitary inspectors. It was directed that the vehicles at Haridwar and Rishikesh should be installed with GPS devices which



monitors the location of vehicles. PD, SPMG also informed that a format has been provided by SPMG to provide the solid waste quantum and methodology of disposal of different ingredients of Solid waste. Chief Secretary directed UDD to continuously monitor the solid waste disposal and regular cleaning of drains and submit the reports and photographs to SPMG on monthly basis. **(Action: SPMG and UDD)**

4. **Agenda 4 and 5: Approval for amendment in the existing structure of SGC:** The Committee was apprised that as per the decision taken in the 4th meeting of the Empowered Task Force (ETF) on river Ganga held on 22nd July, 2019 at New Delhi, additional Departments have to be included in the SGC as they also have specific roles towards adopting a holistic approach of Ganga rejuvenation. In this regard, the committee approved to include the following departments in the Existing Structure of SGC for achieving the overall objective of rejuvenation of river Ganga:

- Department of Rural Development
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Education
- Department of Youth Affairs

(Action: SPMG)

5. **Agenda 6: Directions of Hon'ble NGT dt 22-08-2019:** The committee was apprised of the directions given by Hon'ble NGT on 22-08-2019. It was emphasized that heavy penalties have been imposed regarding discharge of untreated sewage in any drain connected to river Ganga and its tributaries, and delay in setting up of STPs and its sewerage network. UKPJN informed that bio-remediation facility has been installed in 07 drains of Rishikesh, Srikot, Rudraprayag and Chamoli-Gopeshwar w.e.f. 01-11-2019 and a third party agency has also been assigned by SPMG for the task of water quality monitoring. Chief Secretary instructed all officials and DMs to expedite the projects and closely monitor them, so that all deadlines are met within stipulated timelines. In case of any delay in completion, concerning officials will be held responsible. **(Action: Concerned DMs, UKPJN, SPMG)**

Further in relation to Flood plain zoning, Irrigation Department informed that Flood plains have been notified in Haridwar and Uttarkashi districts and action is being taken against the structure falling under the notified Flood Plain Zone. Chief Secretary expressed his displeasure and directed Irrigation Department to expedite the process. **(Action: Irrigation Department)**

Chief Secretary directed Tourism department to evolve a tourism policy for permitting hotels, vehicles and other such activities consistent with the carrying capacity to avoid pollution in river Ganga and submit to SPMG within one month. **(Action: Tourism Department)**

6. Chief Secretary took note of all the above mentioned points and following directions were given to all respective officials:

- All respective DMs to hold fortnightly meetings of DGCs and closely monitor the progress of Namami Gange projects and Ganga related activities especially solid &



liquid waste management, encroachments, afforestation and related activities. **(Action: Respective DMs)**

- All DGCs should develop a system to address the grievances & issues raised by general public, so that the outcome of the project can be verified. **(Action: Respective DGCs/DMs)**
- A system should be developed to track and monitor the projects, with a provision of a display system showing the outcome of projects. **(Action: SPMG)**

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

(Arvind Singh Hyanki)

Secretary

Drinking Water and Sanitation/
Chairman, SPMG

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5. Secretary, Finance, Government of Uttarakhand.
6. Secretary, Urban Development, Government of Uttarakhand.
7. Secretary, Education, Government of Uttarakhand.
8. Secretary, Irrigation, Government of Uttarakhand.
9. Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs, Government of Uttarakhand.
10. Secretary, Horticulture Department, Government of Uttarakhand.
11. Secretary, Drinking Water & Sanitation, Government of Uttarakhand.
12. Chairman, Uttarakhand Environment Protection and Pollution Control Board.
13. District Magistrate, Dehradun/Haridwar/TehriGarhwal/PauriGarhwal/Rudraprayag/Uttarkashi/Chamoli.
14. Dr. A.A. Kazmi, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee.
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17. Dr. Anil Gautam, People Science Institute (PSI), Dehradun.
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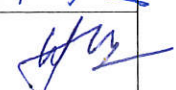
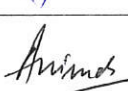
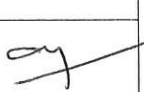
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Time : 10:30 AM

Dated 20-11-2019

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