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Minutes of Meeting

Eighth Meeting of State Ganga Committee (SGC), Uttarakhand dated 20-05-2020

The Eighth meeting of Uttarakhand State Ganga Committee was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand on 20-05-2020 at Chief Secretary Meeting Hall, Uttarakhand 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 seventh meeting of SGC.

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

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

The Committee was apprised of the decisions taken in the seventh 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 there are 609 HH as per NPP Devprayag records, out of which 380 can be connected in existing sewerage network. Position of remaining 229 HH are as follows : 112 HH- to be covered by Septage, 38 HH- By individual Pumping Connection, 14 HH – Shifting of toilet from rear to front of house, 36 HH- abandoned Buildings, 5 HH- don't have Toilets, 17 HH- Building not identified against NP List, and 7 HH – Connection not feasible. At Gangotri: 10 households have been identified to be covered through septage management and at Badrinath: 38 households are to be covered by septage management. Further it was apprised that for the septage management in these towns EOI was invited by SPMG in co-ordination with UKJN, UJS, UDD and GIZ for designing of specific Septage suction vehicles for collection and transportation of septage from the House Holds which cannot be connected to Sewerage Network. One proposal was received which has been reviewed by the Committee. Approx. cost of the vehicle is Rs. 47 lakh. UDD in cooperation with GIZ-SGR has prepared the RFP document for procurement of septage suction vehicles and O&M in the above three towns.

Secretary, Drinking Water & Sanitation, reiterated that RFP for septage suction vehicles is to be floated by the Urban Development Department (UDD) as UDD is the nodal department for Septage Management interventions.

Chief Secretary directed Urban Development Department, to expedite the process for floating the RFP, award the tender and allocate the funds for septage management in these towns so that objective of clean Ganga in a most efficient manner can be adhered in a time bound manner.

(Action: UKPJN & Urban Development Department)

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The Committee enquired the status of flood plain zoning done by the Irrigation Department. It was apprised that District Magistrates of Chamoli, Rudraprayag, Pauri Garhwal, Tehri Garhwal & Dehradun have submitted reports regarding initial notification of flood plain zoning to Secretary, Irrigation in Feb, 2020. Initial notifications will be issued within 15 days. From district Uttarkashi report regarding initial notification was submitted on 18.05.2020.

Chief Secretary expressed his displeasure and directed to Irrigation department for issuance of Initial notification of flood plain zoning at the earliest. **(Action: Irrigation Department)**

2. Agenda 2: Review of Namami Gange Projects:

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

- a) **Forestry Intervention:** The Committee enquired about the quality check and survival of the plants and future interventions as proposed by the forest departments. It was apprised to the Committee that as per the DPR norms, 25% of the actual works carried out will have to be mandatorily monitored, the in house M&E Unit of Forest department has carried out the evaluation of the plantation done in 2017-18/18-19 under Namami Gange Project and reported these outcomes and based on the evaluation success ration in the year 2017-18 was 75.53%, 2018-19 was 75.24% and in the year 2019-20 it was 100%. Chief Secretary directed that records of plants along with proper monitoring and records of the plantations done and their survival must be maintained by Forest Department and public events and campaigns covering above themes should be regularly organised. **(Action: CCF Namami Gange)**
- b) **I&D and STP projects:** The Committee was apprised that total 21 projects have been sanctioned (19 projects are on the main stem of river Ganga and 2 projects are on tributaries of river Ganga) out of which 08 projects are ongoing and 13 projects are completed. Out of 08 ongoing projects, 01 projects will be completed by June 2019, 03 projects will be completed by July 2020, 03 projects will be completed by November 2020 and 01 project will be completed by March 2021. Apart from this, 61 drains were proposed to be intercepted and diverted under these 19 projects against which 51 drains have so far been intercepted, 05 drains will be intercepted by July, 2020, and remaining 05 will be intercepted by November, 2020. Further it was apprised that one project related to construction of 2 STPs at Joshimath of which 1 (1.08 MLD STP) has already been completed in June, 2019 and the work at other STP had to be stopped on account of sudden landslide. The STP site has now been relocated to a new site by purchasing private land and work was resumed, but in the meantime BRO has stopped the work stating that the STP site comes in the RoW of the existing road which will be upgraded in future course of time. After negotiation with BRO, land is now cleared and work needs to be started at the site. For that the consent from the concerned District Administration is needed for the migration and deployment of laborers.

Chief Secretary, enquired whether it is ensured that by creating this sewerage infrastructure, no untreated drain will be disposed off into river Ganga. It was apprised that above Nala tapping

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works has been done as per the conditional assessment done by the third party and after completion of work it will be ensured that no untreated sewage will out fall into river Ganga.

Dr. Santosh Rai, Special Invitee, SGC quizzed that whether a third party water quality monitoring is being done on regular basis for the capacities being created specifically for the toxic metals. It was apprised that STPs which have been constructed and upgraded are operational and are regular treated effluent quality analysis is being done not only by the O&M agency but also by the State Pollution Control Board from time to time.

Chief Secretary directed the concerned agencies to expedite the process and strictly adhere the timelines as set by the Hon'ble NGT for timely completion of ongoing interventions under the Liquid Waste Management. Further the concerned agencies to share the list of drains with District Authorities for taking appropriate actions for the identification of the drains whether it is tapped or untapped both in rural as well as urban areas. Chief Secretary, further directed to devise a robust plan through identification of all the necessary parameters for third party water quality monitoring on regular intervals and also share the reports with Special Invitees of the SGCs as well as with the concerned DMs so that proper balance can be maintained. In case any project is envisaged to be delayed beyond the timelines, it is directed to file the application to Hon'ble NGT well in time to seek extension in the circumstances nationwide lockdown to prevent 'COVID-19'. **(Action: Concerned DMs, UKPJN, UJS, UEPPCB).**

- c) **Ghat Cleaning works in Haridwar:** The Committee was apprised that an agreement on 19th June, 2019, under Namami Gange with M/S Aakanshi Eneterprises for regular cleaning of 72 Ghat in Haridwar for 36 months contract period under guidance and supervision of Nagar Nigam Haridwar. It was apprised that dedicated Committee has been constituted for random inspection and constant monitoring of the ghats. CCTV cameras have also been installed on ghats for monitoring of cleaning works and GPS installed on Solid Waste collection vehicles. For verifying the attendance of cleaners, biometric attendance system installed in March, 2020. Further feedback register is being maintained and compliant redressal number has been issued. DM, Haridwar further informed that additionally multilevel teams have been deployed for constant monitoring of the ghats and as of now Rs 29.94 lacs fine has been imposed at Haridwar Nagar Nigam Level and Rs 15 lacs at SPMG level for the non-compliance of the services by the contractor for ghat cleaning works. Chief Secretary, directed to UDD, DM Haridwar and Nagar Nigam Haridwar to chalk out a monitoring mechanism by carrying out overall comprehensive study of cleanliness and prepare a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the effective implementation of ghat cleaning works so that a clear cut message can be disseminated among the masses. **(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 enquired about the status of status of Solid Waste

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Management and clearing of legacy waste dump sites in 15 priority towns located on the main stem of Ganga as per the last compliance affidavit submitted to the Hon'ble NGT. It was apprised that in the 15 towns, out of 196 wards, door to door collection is being done in 186 wards, source segregation is done in 96 wards, around 55.86% of Ganga towns MSW is being treated every day as of now.

For the treatment and disposal of legacy waste DPRs of Srinagar, Haridwar and Riskesh towns have been prepared and are at approval stage. Chief Secretary raised concern over the poor performance of Solid Waste Management in Rishikesh, Haridwar, Srinagar and Uttarakashi towns and directed SPMG to devise a Monitoring mechanism for proper quantification of all the waste generated, collected, segregated, processed and disposed in all the Ganga towns and also fix the accountability of all the concerned authorities, so that clear cut information of Solid Waste Management about all the Ganga towns can be disseminated among the masses. Further DMs have to be review these issues and the compliances made in their respective District Ganga Committee's meetings. **(Action: SPMG, UDD, DMs).**

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, proposal was sent to NMCG vide letter no 727/SPMG/Namami Gange/SGC dated 12.09.2019 and subsequently a reminder was also sent on dated 20.02.2020 for reconstitution of State Ganga Committee (SGC) of Uttarakhand which was notified vide Gazette Notification no. 1053 dated 17.04.2017. Reconstitution order is awaited. Chief secretary directed PD, SPMG to get in touch with NMCG and get the approval accorded at the earliest. **(Action: SPMG)**
5. **Agenda 6: Directions of Hon'ble NGT dt 18-12-2020 in O.A. 200/2014:** The committee was apprised of the directions given by Hon'ble NGT on 18-12-2020 in O.A. 200/2014. It was emphasized that timely completion of all projects relating to sewage treatment be ensured i.e. by 31.06.2020 in respect of ongoing projects and by 31.12.2020 in respect of others failing which compensation has to be paid in terms of the said order, apart from action against the erring officers. Till then, to avoid untreated sewage being discharged directly into Ganga, interim remedial measures have to be adopted and for the default after 01.11.2019 compensation has to be deposited in terms of order dated 22.08.2019. CPCB may take necessary calculation within one month from today and raise demands with the Chief Secretaries of all the concerned States which may be compiled within one month from the date of such demand failing which accountability will be the Chief Secretaries personally. Further it was apprised that the next quarterly progress report needs to be submitted to the Hon'ble NGT on or before 05.06.2020. Chief Secretary directed to all the concerned departments to submit the relevant data from their

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concerned departments so that next quarterly progress report can be submitted well before the time. (Action: Concerned Departments).

6. Ongoing River Front development projects:

The Committee was apprised about the river front developments works. It was apprised that total 48 projects have been sanctioned by NMCG for river front developments, out of which 44 are completed and 04 are in tendering stage. For the 02 projects i.e. one at Badrinath and one at Gangotri, the SPMG has approached to the concerned District Administration for seeking the NOC, but the response is still awaited. Chief Secretary opined that since Irrigation department is the custodian of that particular land, as such the NOC must be granted from Irrigation department. Chief Secretary, directed, HOD Irrigation to issue the NOC to the executing agency at the earliest so that the work can be started on ground. (Action: Irrigation department)

7. Directions given by Hon'ble NGT dated 06.12.2019 regarding River Stretches Critically Polluted:

The Committee was apprised of the directions given by Hon'ble NGT on 20-09-2019 in O.A. 673/2018 regarding critically polluted nine river stretches in Uttarakhand were identified based on the amount of their Priority I, II III & IV. It was apprised that the action plan of Priority I&II of the rivers was approved by the River Rejuvenation Committee held on 15.07.2019. The said action plan was approved in the meeting held on 16.07.2019 at CPCB. For Priority III&IV the action plan of rivers was submitted to CPCB, after reviewing the action plan, CPCB directed to submit revised action plan with specific timelines. Concerned departments are requested by SPCB to submit the specific timelines. In Continuation to Hon'ble NGT issued Order dated 06.12.2019 directions are as under-

- (i) Ensure 100% treatment of sewage at least in-situ remediation by 31.03.2020.
- (ii) Commencement of setting up of STPs and connecting all the drains and other sources of generation of sewage to the STPs must be ensured by 31.03.2020.
- (iii) Compensation liable on the local bodies and the concerned departments of the states/Uts.

In order to ensure the compliance as per the Hon'ble NGT directions, DPRs for in-situ remediation amounting to Rs 8.62 Cr have been submitted online to NMCG for approval. Further DPRs for setting up of STPs amounting to Rs 295.54 Cr have been submitted online to NMCG for approval. Chief Secretary directed to get the approval accorded at the earliest in pursuance with NMCG and start the in-situ bioremediation and setting up of STP work without any delay In view of expiration of the timelines fixed by Hon'ble NGT. It is directed to submit application to Hon'ble NGT to seek extension of timelines in view of the nationwide lockdown to prevent 'COVID-19'.

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

- All the District Magistrates/Chairman of the DGCs to convene regular meeting of the DGCs and review the various activities related to the cleaning of Ganga and furnish their report to

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State Ganga Committee indicating the steps taken, proposed or suggested by the departments for prevention and abatement of the pollution of river Ganga (**Action: Respective DMs**).

- DM. Uttarakashi to expedite the process for land allotment for the solid waste management in Uttarakashi town (**Action: SPMG**)
- DM Haridwar personally intervene in the matter for seeking the approval of the proposal submitted for the Solid Waste Management in Haridwar town. (**Action: DM Haridwar**).

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


(Nitesh Kumar Jha)

Secretary, Drinking Water &
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2. Principal Secretary, Environment & Forest, Government of Uttarakhand.
3. Principal Secretary, Rural Development, Government of Uttarakhand.
4. Secretary, Tourism, Government of Uttarakhand.
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, Tehri Garhwal, Pauri Garhwal, Rudrapur, Chamoli, and Uttarakashi.
14. Dr. A.A. Kazmi, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee.
15. Dr. A.K. Lohani, Scientist 'G', National Institute of Hydrology (NIH), Roorkee.
16. Dr. Santosh Rai, Scientist 'D', Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG), Dehradun.
17. Dr. Anil Gautam, People Science Institute (PSI), Dehradun.
18. Dr. Vishal Singh, Centre of Ecological Development & Research (CEDAR), Dehradun.


(Uday Raj Singh)

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Attendance Sheet

Eighth Meeting of State Ganga Committee (SGC), under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand

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Time 10.00 AM

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