

Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the State Ganga Rejuvenation, Protection and Management Committee (State Ganga Committee), West Bengal under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal and Ex-officio Chairperson of the State Ganga Committee.

Held on: 27th August, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.

Venue: Nabanna, 13th Floor

List of participant: As per list enclosed (Annexure-1)

Agenda-1: Confirmation of proceeding of the 1st SGC meeting of WBSPMG under erstwhile NGRBA setup held on 15th December 2017

The Minutes of the 1st Ganga Committee Meeting (SGC) of the erstwhile WBSPMG under NGRBA framework were confirmed after overall discussion on actions taken following the resolutions of the meeting held on 15th December 2017.

Agenda-2: Adoption of annual accounts of WBSPMG for the year ended 2017-18

The audited Annual Accounts for the year 2017-18 was approved and adopted. WBSPMG was advised to take consequent actions like inviting Pr.A.G.(G & SSA) for Transaction and Accounts Audit, Statement of Expenditure, Audit for World Bank financed Projects and observed other relevant statutory compliance subsequent to adoption of accounts.

Program Director, SPMG explained to the members in detail the matrix of the scheme for both the Non-EAPs and EAPs and the funding pattern of these schemes from State share and Central share.

Non-EAP Scheme: An amount of **Rs. 111.70 Crore** is due from State share for completion of the balance work of Bhatpara project and to run the expenses of O & M in Gayeshpur and Kalyani plants.

EAP Scheme: Program Director, SPMG informed that all the on-going projects at Halisahar, Budge Budge and Barrackpore are running smoothly after resolving various issues which cropped up during the project execution. Funding for State as well as Centre should be maintained steadily and, as such, an amount of **Rs. 105.03 Crore** is required for the F.Y. 2018-19. Chief Secretary, Govt. of

West Bengal advised PD to requisition the State share only to the extent to meet up the actual expenditure during F.Y. 2018-19.

Agenda-3: Review of status of the on-going projects: Externally Aided Project (EAP) and Non-Externally Aided Project (Non-EAP)

PD, SPMG briefed the House about physical progress of all EAPs in Halisahar, Budge-Budge and Barrackpore wherein the progress is good, however few issues related to local municipalities arise which have been addressed by him. The necessity of adopting Horizontal Drilling (HDD) method is felt in all the projects due to insufficient and narrow space available in between existing buildings wherein open cut method is not feasible and may damage the existing residential buildings. As because provision of HDD method is not in the BOQ, so fresh tender from eligible bidders as well as the existing contractors will be called for as per norms.

Program Director, SPMG has informed the committee that 06 projects were sanctioned from the year 2011 to 2014 amounting to **Rs. 1335.43 Crore** (with GoI : GoWB:: 70:30 share) and from January 2018 to August 2018, 10 more projects are sanctioned amounting **Rs. 1526.942 Crore** (with 100 % GoI share). 3(three) DPRs having value **Rs. 1065 Crores** for tributaries town in Bardhman, Asansol and Durgapur are submitted to NMCG.

Agenda-4: Review of status of the projects for which AA & ES have been received and the present status of tendering and finalization of Contract

The status of all 10 (ten) projects undergoing tendering and finalization of bidders was explained by Program Director, SPMG to House. Out of 10 (ten) projects 7 are in HAM-PPP model and 3 are in DBOT model. Program Director, SPMG narrated briefing the salient features of PPP model and DBOT model to the House.

Agenda-5: Ratification of extension of service of contractual employees/officers under WBSPMG

The extension of services of six employees and officers under contractual appointment as mentioned in the agenda paper and the decision of further extension of service for all 6 employees are ratified.

Agenda-6: Status of EPIL assigned projects under Namami Gange Scheme

The updated status of Ghats and Crematoria work are detailed that reflects the poor progress of EPILs work in Garulia, Naihati and Bhatpara. The members were also informed about new RFD projects at Dakshineswar, Belur and Nabadwip being awarded to EPIL by NMCG directly for which 'NOC' was not granted by the concerned municipal bodies. The River Front Development (RFD) works in Dakshineswar, Belur and have already been taken up by KMDA and for Nabadwip to the same is taken up by MED.

Agenda-7: Miscellaneous

- a) **Review of "Forestry Intervention to Clean Ganga (FIG)" project under execution responsibility of State Forest Department.**

The Forest Department narrated their projects under execution.

- b) **Change of name of WBSPMG from "West Bengal State NGRBA Program Management Group (SPMG)" to "State Mission for Clean Ganga, West Bengal".**

As per communication of the NMCG received vide memo no : A-11012/2/2011-12/NMCG dated 3rd July, '18, it is resolved that the name of the Society "West Bengal State NGRBA Programme Management Group" will be renamed as "State Mission for Clean Ganga-West Bengal (SMCG-WB)".

- c) **Strengthening of laboratories of West Bengal.**

The status report in connection with Strengthening of laboratories in West Bengal was explained by WBPCB to the committee.

- d) **Status of Bio-diversity study in West Bengal by Wildlife Institute of India (WII)**

Committee was apprised on the status of Bio-Diversity study by WII.

- e) **Current status of Trash Skimmer project initiated by NMCG in West Bengal.**

2 (two) no. of Trash Skimmers had been deployed in the State of West Bengal, one in Nabadwip town river ghats and the other in Howrah river ghats by NMCG.

State has already invited bids to procure 5(five) Trash Skimmers of 9.5 M³ capacity which are to be deployed in Lake/Water bodies (02 nos) and 03 Trash Skimmers of 13.5 M³ capacity to be deployed in

to the river Ganga. 2(two) Bidders received in second call, the lowest price by the bidders quoted being Rs.11.67 Crores. WTC approval is awaited for the same.

f) Other issues that arise during the course of discussion.

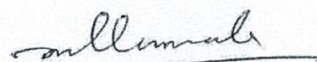
I. Status of Grossly Polluting Industries (GPIs), West Bengal

CPCB has explained the detailed status of Grossly Polluting Industries (GPIs) in West Bengal

II. IEC & Public Outreach Activities:

After due discussion, it was decided that once projects in the respective areas are about to commence, small citizen groups may be formed by the municipal authorities involving the local councillors and other persons of importance. Officials from the implementing agency (KMDA), and SPMG shall jointly address the citizen groups to explain the importance of the projects in order to garner support of the locals for effective and efficient implementation of the projects.

There being no other agenda, the meeting ended with thanks to and from the Chair.



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&
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