

**West Bengal State NGRBA Program Management Group (WBSPMG)
Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Department,
Government of West Bengal**

**Minutes of the meeting of the State Ganga Rejuvenation Protection and
Management Committee (SGC), West Bengal under the Chairmanship of
Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal and ex-officio Chairperson of the
State Ganga Committee (SGC) held on 7th November, 2022 at 4 P.M.**

Venue: Conference Hall, Nabanna, 13th Floor.

List of participants: As per list enclosed (Annexure – 1)

Agenda – 1: Confirmation of the proceedings of 5th State Ganga Committee (SGC) meeting on the workings of the West Bengal State NGRBA Program Management Group held on 19th November, 2021.

The minutes of the 5th meeting of State Ganga Committee (SGC) held on 19th November, 2021 were read out and confirmed.

The decision taken in the 5th State Ganga Committee Meeting under NGRBA framework were taken up for discussion pointwise and the related progress was reviewed.

Agenda – 2: Adoption of Annual Accounts of West Bengal State NGRBA Program Management Group (WBSPMG) for the Financial Year 2021-2022.

The audited Annual accounts for the Financial Year 2021-2022 was placed before the committee for perusal which has been adopted and approved.

West Bengal State NGRBA Program Management Group (WBSPMG) has been advised to take consequent action like inviting the Principal A.G. (G & SSA) for the transaction and Accounts audit, Statement of expenditure (SoE) audit for World Bank Financed Projects and observing other relevant statutory compliances subsequently to adoption of Accounts.

Agenda – 3: Review of status of 24 STP Projects (In NG-I) being implemented in the State of West Bengal under the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) Program. The breakup of the projects reviewed were as below.

1) Projects Completed	11
2) Ongoing projects	8
3) Under tendering and proposal stage	5

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The progress was reviewed and Chief Secretary directed to place monthly incremental progress beginning from December, 2022 showing therein the target of the work fixed vis-a-vis actual achievement (both physical and financial progress), so that the projects could be completed within the scheduled date.

Review of the project under NG – II of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) Program to bridge the gap in treatment capacity (with an estimated Project fund of Rs 2030 crores).

The work going on was reviewed and the status of the work is as below:

- a) 2 DPRs for a total capacity of 14.52 MLDs STP projects has already been sent to the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)
 - i) For Murshidabad Project Cost Rs. 64.34 Crore
 - ii) For Chakdah Project Cost Rs. 123.69 Crore
- b) DPRs for STPs at Shantipur, Krishnanagar, Katwa, Diamond Harbour and Champdani Sreerampore are ready and will be submitted to the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) after sorting out the land issues by December 2022.
- c) Installation of STP at Pujali under consideration.
- d) Installation of conventional STP/ installation of STP in Jokhasou technology at Dhulian, Rishra, Kamarhati is under consideration.
- e) Chief Secretary has desired to see presentation of Jokhasou Technology in the next meeting.
- f) Chief Secretary has instructed to complete the preparation of balanced DPRs for 11 Ganga Towns under NG-II Scheme by December 2022.
- g) Chief Secretary instructed further to coordinate with NMCG for funding of the Projects in river stretches other than Ganga as the performance of West Bengal is now more or less satisfactory. He directed PD to immediately take up the matter with NMCG.

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Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal appreciated the performance of West Bengal State NGRBA Program Management Group (WBSPMG) in carrying out the Liquid Waste Management Program being implemented in West Bengal in urban areas under the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) Program in an efficient and effective manner. He also pointed out that there is a fund available under MoHUA, Government of India for Liquid Waste Management in Rural areas. He directed Program Director, West Bengal State NGRBA Program Management Group to come up with proposal on Liquid Waste Management scheme in rural areas out of the fund available from the MoHUA and to coordinate with P&RD Department and District Administration for effective implementation. He is of the view that WBSPMG can play a pivotal role in rural Liquid Waste Management with its experience and efficiency.

Agenda – 4: Status of Ghat Development Project (RFD) and Electric Crematoria

- a) The Ghat Development work was reviewed and the status of the work of the Ghat Development and Electric Crematoria are as below:
 - i) Ghat – Sanction by NMCG as on date: 14
 - ii) No. of Ghats developed and beautified: 12
- b) Electric Crematoria:
 - i) No of Electric Crematoria sanction by National Mission for Clean Ganga: 4
 - ii) No. of Electric Crematoria completed: 3

The work of Electric Crematoria at Kalyani is going on in full swing and the target date of completion is 10.12.2023. He also directed PD to take up the funding of Crematoria in the Ganga Towns with NMCG. PD also briefed that out of 7 Municipalities shortlisted for PBIG Scheme World Bank, the proposal of construction of Electric Crematoria in five Municipalities namely Chakdah, Garulia, Santipur, Bhadrweswar, Champdani have already been sent to NMCG and World Bank.

On this point, the Chief Secretary directed to keep a close watch, so, that the work can be completed within stipulated date.

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Agenda – 5: Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant (FSTP)

Implementation of Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant (FSTP) projects was reviewed and Chief Secretary directed to take up the Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant (FSTP) as a low-cost treatment technology as it will require a small land parcel. On this point, Program Director, West Bengal State NGRBA Program Management Group (WBSPMG) pointed out that DPRs for construction of 3 Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants (FSTP) for two Municipalities of Bansberia and Uttarpara Kotrung has already been sent to the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) for approval and funding.

DPRs for other Ganga towns will be sent to NMCG by December 2022.

Agenda – 6: Ratification of engagement / Extension of services of contractual Officers/ Employees made since the holding of the last State Ganga Committee meeting.

Engagement / Extension of services of contractual Officers/ Employees made since the holding of the last State Ganga Committee meeting is ratified.

Agenda – 7: Review of Forestry Intervention to Clean Ganga (FIG).

The work of Forestry Intervention to Clean Ganga (FIG) was reviewed in the meeting and the presentation is placed herewith as a part of the Minutes. The presentation is Annexed herewith in Annexure I

Agenda – 8: Strengthening of Laboratories of West Bengal Pollution Control Board.

Strengthening of Laboratories of West Bengal Pollution Control Board was reviewed and found satisfactory.

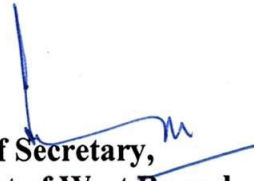
9. Miscellaneous:

Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal and Chairperson of the State Ganga Committee wanted to know the status of the House-to-House connection in West Bengal. On this point the Program Director, WBSPMG pointed out that all STP projects other than 6 STP projects being implemented in 6 Municipalities, are under Interception and Diversion mode where FSSM policy would be implemented.

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Chief Secretary directed to place a compliance with respect to House-to House connection and the status of the STP works being undertaken under the instructions of Hon'ble NGT within next 7days before him.

As there were no other issues to discuss, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.


**Chief Secretary,
Government of West Bengal
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Chairperson, State Ganga Committee, WBSPMG