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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: 20th Meeting (Part-I) of Central Monitoring Committee in the NGT Matter
OA No. 673 of 2018.**

A copy of Minutes of the 20th Meeting (Part-I) of Central Monitoring Committee in the NGT matter O.A. No. 673 of 2018 held on **17.07.2025** under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Water Resources, RD&GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti is forwarded herewith for information/ necessary action.

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Minutes of the 20th meeting (Part-I) of the Central Monitoring Committee held on 17.07.2025 regarding 351 polluted river stretches based on the directions of Hon'ble NGT in the matter OA No. 673 of 2018

The 20th meeting (Part-I) of the Central Monitoring Committee (CMC) constituted by Hon'ble NGT in the matter OA No. 673 of 2018 was held at NMCG in hybrid mode with 16 States/ UTs on 17.07.2025 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS). The list of participants is at ***Annexure-I***.

To begin with, ED Tech, NMCG while welcoming all participants outlined mandates of CMC following the Hon'ble NGT Order in 2019. He further mentioned NMCG efforts of requesting States for regular meetings of RRC having Priority-I and Priority-II polluted river stretches, and to update and review the Action Plans for their restoration. Two key initiatives – (I) Water Quality Monitoring at 45 locations on drains spread across Delhi by CPCB & (II), periodic monitoring of STPs and drains in Yamuna Basin Under Strengthening of Environmental Regulator (Phase-III) Project were also highlighted.

State/UT-wise Review & Directions

1. Uttar Pradesh

1.1 Following Key issues were highlighted for appropriate actions by the State:

- i. Existing STP Capacity utilization is only 67%, and needs improvement.
- ii. 17 projects under tendering need urgent awarding.
- iii. 7 STPs are reported to be non-compliant, and 7 STPs (232 MLD) are reported to be non-operational including Narora STP which was handed over by contractor to ULB.
- iv. Completion timelines of the on-going STP projects may be revised as per the actual progress made.
- v. Progress of Balrampur STP project remains stagnant; and 294 STPs under SBM-II show no progress.
- vi. State to provide in the MPR - details of no. of water polluting industries existing in the State, industrial effluent discharge, status of ETPs and details of under-construction or proposed CETPs in the State.
- vii. As per the CPCB monitoring reports, CETP at Banthar, Unnao and Rooma are consistently reported as non-complying.
- viii. Details about Floodplain zones of rivers Hindon, Yamuna, Varuna, Gomti, Kali East, Ramganga, Betwa, Ghaghra, Rapti, Sai & Saryu. Details of it, and status of their demarcation on the ground may be provided to NMCG/MoJS.
- ix. Efforts to implement Tariff policy 2016 in respect of TPPs operating in the State by using STPs treated water need to be intensified.

1.2 JMD, UP Jal Nigam informed that the Balrampur STP is sanctioned under Minority Welfare Department Scheme and due to non-availability of fund, the STP works were withheld for 7-8 months. Chair directed Principal Secretary (Environment), UP that the issue with the ongoing STP project at Balrampur

needs to be highlighted to the Chief Secretary, UP so as to ensure that resources are allotted for the project and the project is completed in a time-bound manner.

[Action: State of Uttar Pradesh]

1.3 Serious concern was raised with regard to the non-operational STP at Narora. It was remarked that if the existing infrastructures sanctioned and completed under Namami Gange Projects are reported to be non-operational due to State's O&M issues, then no new projects shall be considered for the State.

[Action: State of Uttar Pradesh]

1.4 State informed that 294 projects proposed under SBM-II are at planning stage. Action plans have been approved. Presently, towns with population of 50,000 & above are to be taken up first. Accordingly, 21 DPRs have been approved, 10 DPRs are under submission for approval and remaining 17-18 DPRs are pending due to land finalization. DG, NMCG asked the State to prioritize proposed projects under SBM-II for Ganga towns having 1-2 MLD discharge regardless of their population size.

[Action: State of Uttar Pradesh]

The Chair desired to write a comprehensive DO letter to Chief Secretary, Uttar Pradesh highlighting key issues of the State.

[Action: NMCG]

2. Bihar

2.1 Following issues were highlighted for appropriate actions up by the State:

- i. Treatment gap of 575 MLD; STPs of 170.6 MLD are under construction, 174.5 MLD under tendering will leave still a gap of 229 MLD.
- ii. Capacity utilization of the existing STPs is only 51.6%.
- iii. 6 STPs reported to be non-compliant w.r.t Faecal Coliform standards.
- iv. Floodplain zoning efforts required to be accelerated.
- v. State may update the status with regard to reuse policy.

2.2 State notified the flood plain zone for embanked rivers vide notification no.- 143, dated- 06.03.2025. State has been requested to follow steps suggested as per NMCG letter dated 27.05.2025.

[Action: State of Bihar]

2.3 DG, NMCG remarked that the existing STPs in Bihar are funded under Namami Gange Programme. However, during random visits, these STPs have been found to be non-operational. Therefore, State must ensure that the STPs are operational and optimally utilized.

[Action: State of Bihar]

2.4 Chair directed State to take measures for improving the capacity utilization and compliance status of the existing STP infrastructure. Further, meetings of RRC needs to be convened regularly for reviewing the progress made by the State for addressing the pollution in the rivers in the State.

[Action: State of Bihar]

2.5 ACS (Environment), Bihar informed that CPCB has reported improvement in the water quality of the rivers. State PCB has issued directions against the non-compliant STPs. He added that the progress would be thoroughly reviewed at State level and appropriate action would be taken to address the issues.

3. West Bengal

3.1 Following issues were highlighted for appropriate actions by the State:

- i. Capacity utilization of the existing STPs is **72.4%** and needs improvement.
- ii. State to provide compliance status of the existing STPs and the CETP.
- iii. As per the CPCB monitoring report, Dec 2024 to March 2025, out of 43 STPs monitored, 20 STPs were found non-compliant.
- iv. Out of the 15 priority Ganga main towns, DPRs have been received for only 2 towns.
- v. Updated status of floodplain zoning and demarcation in the State to be provided.

3.2 It was informed that project for installation of disinfection facility is being taken up to address non-compliant status of STPs in terms of FC. DG, NMCG directed that comprehensive plan for addressing the pollution issues in River Vidyadhari and River Churni may be submitted to NMCG.

[Action: State of West Bengal]

4. Delhi

4.1 The Chair desired that the final outcome should match with efforts being put in by the GNCTD in tackling the pollution while stating deterioration in the quality of river Yamuna as well as the major drains out-falling into the river on comparison of DPCC's 2024 and 2025 report. Detailed discussion on issues highlighted will be held in separate meeting.

[Action: GNCT of Delhi]

5. Madhya Pradesh

5.1 Following issues were highlighted for appropriate actions by the State:

- i. State to address the issue of slow progress in 8 on-going STP projects.
- ii. State to connect the STP's OCEMS to the CPCB server.
- iii. Technical evaluation report of the Nagda project is pending with State since 19.05.2025. NOC on TBER is mandatory.

5.2 Chair raised concern over the capacity utilization of the existing STP at 62.7% and directed to prioritize pollution abatement projects in the catchment of Priority-I rivers are taken up on priority.

5.3 Principal Secretary (Environment) informed to address a gap of 1520 MLD in sewage treatment, 643 MLD STP projects are under construction and 815 MLD are under proposed/ tendering/ report preparation stages. The project proposed

at Nagda is under tendering and shall be stirred up. State Urban Development Department is being pushed for increasing the household connections works so that the existing STPs are being utilized optimally.

5.4 State official informed that 50 MLD oxidation pond based STP at Jabalpur has been dismantled. A new 96 MLD STP is currently operational at Jabalpur, which is currently treating 68 MLD of sewage and further under AMRUT, a STP of 120 MLD is planned at Jabalpur to cover the requirements till 2040.

[Action: State of Madhya Pradesh]

6. Rajasthan

6.1 Following issues were highlighted for appropriate action by the State:

- i. Capacity utilization of the existing STPs is 76% and needs further improvement.
- ii. Out of 134 existing operational STPs, 91 STPs are reported to be non-complying as per design parameter.
- iii. 13 on-going STPs showed no progress from December 2024 till last report i.e. May 2025.
- iv. State to closely monitor the progress of 23 STPs in advance stages of completion having timeline of September 2025.
- v. State to increase its municipal solid waste processing capacity (83.9%)
- vi. No Model River identified by the State.
- vii. Details with regard to floodplain demarcation and reuse of treated water not provided in the MPR.
- viii. State to prepare action plan for reuse of treated water from STPs.

6.2 The Chair raised concern over the deterioration in operation of STPs in the State. Further, directed that the Coordinating Secretary in the State may call upon all the departments and take monthly review of the progress. RRC meeting be convened in the State within a month. The Existing STPs having OCEMS be connected to CPCB server. A comprehensive DO letter be written to Chief Secretary, Rajasthan highlighting the same.

[Action: State of Rajasthan/ NMCG]

6.3 Secretary (LSG), Rajasthan informed that out of 141 STPs, 115 STPs have installed OCEMS.

7. Uttarakhand

7.1 Following issues were highlighted for appropriate actions by the State:

- i. Capacity utilization of the existing STPs is only 68% and needs improvement.
- ii. Out of the 70 STPs, 3 STPs of 10.08 MLD are non-operational.
- iii. 16 STPs of 48.74 MLD are non-complying to the parameters of BOD, COD, TSS, & Faecal Coliform as per the NGT norms.

- iv. State are to resolve long pending land acquisition issues delaying implementation of NMCG sanctioned STP projects at Kotdwar (21 MLD), Muni ki Reti (0.3 MLD) and Gaurikund (6 and 10 KLD).

7.2 Discrepancies in water quality monitoring data of State PCB & CPCB needs to be addressed. As informed by State, Joint Monitoring is proposed and CPCB to nominate concerned officials for the same.

[Action: State PCB/ CPCB]

7.3 Scientist E, CPCB informed that the Priority-I river stretches of Bahela and Dhella are in the catchment area of Kashipur industrial area. Therefore, in order to improve the quality in these stretches, State needs to ensure compliance with regard to the industries operational in the catchment.

[Action: State of Uttarakhand]

7.4 Chair directed that Special Monitoring of industries in the catchment area of rivers - Bahela and Dhella be undertaken by CPCB. Further, State to undertake a diagnostic review of these two rivers stretches. DG, NMCG informed that STP projects are under trial and improvement in the river quality will be seen in 2-3 months.

[Action: CPCB/ State of Uttarakhand]

8. Kerala

8.1 Following issues were highlighted for appropriate action by the State:

- i. Water quality monitoring data (including BOD values) of all the identified polluted river stretches needs to be incorporated in the MPRs.
- ii. State to expedite taking up proposed projects for bridging the gap in sewage treatment.

8.2 About capacity utilization of the existing STPs at 43% only, Special Secretary (LSG), Kerala informed that 225 MLD of existing sewage treatment facilities includes STPs, co-treatment in FSTPs and all other facilities such as Decentralized Wastewater Treatment System (DEWAT). However, the capacity utilization was reported only for the STP at Trivandrum. This has been corrected and updated information is being submitted. Further, it was informed that due to dense population in Kerala, installing STP at all ULB level is not feasible.

8.3 Additional Chief Secretary (Water Resource), Kerala supplemented that due to dense population in coastal area of Trivandrum, sewer network laying is not feasible and hence the 107 MLD STP at Trivandrum remains under-utilized. However, State has installed FSTPs and other decentralized facilities for addressing the load of 305 MLD sewage.

8.4 CPCB informed that in the last meeting of CMC, State was directed to document the non-STP related sewage treatment works undertaken by the State and to submit the same to CPCB for review and compilation. Chair directed the State to submit the same within 3 days.

[Action: State of Kerala]

8.5 Chair remarked that the State may review the adequacy of the existing treatment system so as to prevent ground water contamination and prevent fecal excreta contamination into sea water. She further remarked that regulatory mechanism needs to be in place for emptying them regularly and safe transport & treatment of the residue. This needs to be part of the report being submitted by the State.

[Action: State of Kerala]

8.6 On being pointed out about 305 MLD generation being lower side by DG, NMCG, ACS, Kerala informed that per capita population has only being taken into account while the type of consumption and generation of wastewater is different in case of Kerala, which has not been factored in. However, State would re-look into the actual generation which is certainly more. The reported figure was arrived at in consultation with the SPCB.

[Action: State of Kerala]

8.7 Chair emphasized while separating sewage and sullage, the grey water disposal at household level needs to be looked into. If it comes into the system, the distinction between black water and grey water cannot be made. CPCB and experts working on river basin and management plan, or a technical agency may also look into this issue, to provide a view on the adequacy of the arrangement so as to advise the State Government.

[Action: State of Kerala/ CPCB]

8.6 ACS, Kerala informed that Kerala has established River Basin Authorities for all the rivers in Kerala whose one of the major scope of the works is to address the pollution aspect issue and prepare separate Action Plan for supplementing the efforts of river rejuvenation.

8.7 With regard to re-use of treated water, Special Secretary, Kerala informed that policy has been drafted and approval of the same would be expedited within 10 days. Chair suggested that the State's treated water policy must be in line with the National Framework on Safe Reuse of Treated Water.

[Action: State of Kerala]

8.8 Further, Special Secretary (Environment), Kerala informed that BOD values of the rivers are monitored every month and the report shall be shared with the Ministry. SPCB carried out inspection of the 9 CETPs and 5 CETPs were found to be complying with the norms while 3 were found to be non-complying. Notices have been issued to the 3 defaulting CETPs. Further, 3 more CETPs are in development phase.

8.9 Joint Secretary, NRCD highlighted State needs to take a decision on the Flood Plain Zone issue. ACS, Kerala informed that the floodplain zonation would be taken up at a later stage. Chair remarked that in such case, Kerala may not be eligible for FMBP funding under Central Government. State may align the plan with CWC guidelines and strongly advised State to review the matter as per the State's perspective and take up FPZ at the earliest.

[Action: State of Kerala]

9. Telangana

9.1 Following issues were highlighted for appropriate action up by the State:

- i. State to expedite taking up proposed projects for bridging the gap in sewage treatment.
- ii. Slow progress observed in on-going STP projects
- iii. Status with regard to Ramnagar Bandam to be provided

9.2 Chair enquired about State's plan with regard to enhancing the capacity utilization of the STPs and plan for recycle & reuse of treated water. Managing Director, HMWSSB reported that the capacity utilization of the existing STPs is 73% as these installations are designed for the year 2036 and it is expected to increase gradually. The proposal for reuse of treated water has been submitted to Government for approval and further a separate Metro Water Board is also being proposed to be established.

9.3 Chair pointed out that not much improvement is seen in water quality of River Musi in the stretch from Hyderabad to Nalagonda and further deterioration is observed in River Godavari in the stretch from Basar to Khamman. State to ensure regular meetings of River Rejuvenation Committee be held in the State and the Action Plans be reviewed.

[Action: State of Telangana]

9.4 Member Secretary, Telangana Pollution Control Board informed that BOD values have improved in River Krishna, however for River Godavari, higher BOD value was observed at Basar. With the implementation of Musi River rejuvenation program, BOD values in the river are expected to be reduced significantly.

10. Gujarat

10.1 Following issues were highlighted for appropriate actions by the State:

- i. 13 STPs reported to be non-operational.
- ii. 48 STPs are reported to be non-compliant to the norms.
- iii. Slow progress observed in few ongoing STP projects.

10.2 Secretary (Urban), Gujarat informed that the actual treatment gap has been reduced from 331 to 317 MLD. 107 MLD STP at Visalpur by AUDA has achieved 45% progress. 50 MLD STP proposed at Gandhinagar Sargasan has been cancelled and two STPs of 65 MLD each were planned, of which one STP has been made operational and another STP shall be made operational shortly.

Further, for ensuring minimum delay in completion of the projects, fortnightly review is being held and ULBS are being sensitized. The capacity utilization of the existing STPs is low as future growth and outgrowth areas of the towns are also being considered during designing the STPs, hence the utilization shall increase gradually.

10.3 Secretary (Environment), Gujarat informed that bimonthly State Level meeting is being held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Gujarat. The status of STPs and house sewer connection are being closely monitored in these meetings. State from its own scheme is providing subsidies to the households for taking up connections.

10.4 Chair remarked that updated information may be provided in the MPR submissions. Further, it was highlighted that Gujarat seems to have infrastructure in place for abatement of pollution, therefore improvement in water quality of the rivers especially in Priority-I is expected for which better enforcement and governance needs to be ensured by the State.

[Action: State of Gujarat]

11. Goa

11.1 State informed that the low-capacity utilization of the existing STPs in the State is due to the design period which was taken during installation of the STPs considering the future population. Further, house sewer connection works in the adjoining rural areas is also being undertaken and shall be commissioned. Presently, sewage is being brought through tankers to the STPs from the rural areas.

11.2 Chair suggested that instead of reporting urban sewage generation for the State, it may be taken up as sewage zone. The population, sewage generation, existing treatment capacity, connectivity, ongoing and proposed treatment facilities, sewage zone-wise may be calculated and provided to the Ministry. Further, directed State to focus on the polluted river stretches and provide details of how the State proposes to improve the water quality of the rivers.

[Action: State of Goa]

12. Karnataka

12.1 Following issues were highlighted for appropriate actions by the State:

- i. With regard to Priority-I Thenpennai River, efforts for restoration needs to be put in by both the States of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

[Action: State of Karnataka & Tamil Nadu]

- ii. Capacity utilization of the existing STPs remain at 77% and needs improvement.
- iii. Progress of ongoing STP projects needs to be closely monitored and timely completion of the projects may be ensured.
- iv. 14 STPs are reported to be non-operational
- v. 4 STPs and 4 CETPs are reported to be non-complying.

[Action: State of Karnataka]

12.2 Chair suggested that a virtual workshop may be convened by NRCD along with CPCB wherein the State of Karnataka can present their Action Plan for Coastal Pollution Management. CPCB informed that the CPCB had reviewed the

State's Action Plan for Coastal Pollution and had submitted its comments. Now the State may proceed with implementation of the Action Plan.

[Action: State of Karnataka/NRCD]

12.3 Principal Secretary (Environment), Karnataka informed that all the STPs (including those managed by private institutions and residential complexes) in Bangalore would be connected to Karnataka PCB's server, which will help in quantify the amount of sewage generated and treated in Bangalore by year end. Further, IISc is being pursued for providing guidance in extending the use of treated water other than in building constructions and horticulture.

12.4 The Chair appreciated the works and suggested State may share the details with the Ministry and directed the State to convene regular meetings of RRC to review the status of polluted river stretches.

[Action: State of Karnataka]

13. Tamil Nadu

13.1 Following issues were highlighted for appropriate actions by the State:

- i. Estimated sewage generation of 5499 MLD for the State as reported was agreed upon by CPCB.
- ii. State to take up projects for bridging the gap in sewage generation.

[Action: State of Tamil Nadu]

13.2 Chair remarked that the State has good capacity utilization of the existing STPs, however, the number polluted river stretches have gone up including increase in Priority-I river stretches. Further, directed State to expedite submission of Action Plan for Coastal Pollution to CPCB.

[Action: State of Tamil Nadu]

13.3 Additional Chief Secretary (Environment), Tamil Nadu informed that Action Plans for rejuvenation of 8 polluted river stretches – Amravati, Bhavani, Cauvery, Palar, Sarbanga, Tambiraparani, Thirumanimuthar and Vashista have been approved by RRC and has been submitted to CPCB for approval. As CPCB's approval for Priority-V River stretches are not required, State is implementing the Action Plan for river Amravati and Palar. Action plan for rivers – Adyar and Cooum have been approved by RRC. Regular meetings of RRC are being convened and it shall be ensured that the water quality in these rivers are improved.

13.4 Joint Secretary, NRCD informed that State's confirmation with regard to the commitment of State's share of 40% in the proposed Nadanthai Vaazhi Cauvery project is awaited at NRCD. State may submit the same at the earliest.

[Action: State of Tamil Nadu]

14. Puducherry

14.1 Chair enquired about the water quality monitoring data of the polluted river stretches. Further, UT was directed to expedite the coastal action plan

submission and to review the demarcation of flood plain zoning and to submit the report to CMC.

[Action: UT of Puducherry]

14.2 Commissioner (Environment), Puducherry informed that BOD value of Coringa is below detection level as per the monitoring report of November 2024. Further, an in-situ water testing facility is being planned for Yanam itself so as to measure the water quality monitoring data on monthly basis. The coastal action plan is being prepared by National Centre for Coastal Research, Chennai and is expected to be completed by August 2025.

14.3 Chair suggested that data collection and analysis should be done on monthly basis and Centre would certainly help to connect the UT with Central Water Commission (CWC) laboratory facility, if any, that exists within feasible vicinity, free of charge.

[Action: UT of Puducherry]

14.4 Joint Secretary, NRCD suggested State to closely monitor the works of ongoing Karaikal STP. UT informed that the STP at Puducherry has achieved 90% progress and STP at Karaikal has achieved 75% progress and are expected to be completed by September 2025.

15. Andaman & Nicobar

15.1 13.5 MLD gap in sewage treatment in the UT remains. UT to rectify whether the previously reported ongoing projects for installing 10 and 18 MLD treatment facilities have been dropped. Principal Secretary (Environment), Andaman & Nicobar informed that the two projects of 10 and 18 MLD have been dropped. Further, extensive survey was done by IIT-Bombay and it is now proposed to take up 25 MLD phytoremediation project, for which tenders have been called for and shall be opened by August, 2025.

15.2 Chair directed UT to request Chief Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar to review the proposal for bridging the gap in sewage treatment.

[Action: UT of Andaman & Nicobar]

16. Lakshadweep

16.1 Secretary (Environment), Lakshadweep informed that modular decentralized STPs are being planned. For 13000 households, DRDO's high performance biodigester is being planned at different locations. Currently, a plant on pilot basis is operational at IIT Roorkee for treating black and grey water. The work of installation at Lakshadweep is expected to start by August 2025 and shall be installed within 3-4 months. Chair directed CPCB to visit Lakshadweep to review the status and adequacy of treatment and requested Lakshadweep to corporate with the CPCB team.

[Action: UT of Lakshadweep/CPCB]

17. Miscellaneous

17.1 Concluding the meeting, the Chair highlighted following points for compliance by concerned States/Agencies –

- a) Power-point presentation of respective States be shared with the States/UTs 15 days before the scheduled CMC meeting date;
- b) States to conduct regular RRC meetings having Priority-I and Priority-II polluted river stretches, and to update and review the Action Plans for their restoration;
- c) PRS report based on recent data set be published by CPCB at the earliest;
- d) State to connect the STP's OCEMS to the CPCB server; &
- e) A Nodal Secretary (either Principal Secretary, Environment or Principal Secretary, UDD) may be nominated for coordinating and reviewing at State Level and for representing the State in the meetings of CMC.

17.2 CMC could not take up the review of works in case of States - Jharkhand, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh due to absence of senior level officials i.e. Chief Secretary of the State or Principal Secretary (Environment/Urban) in the meeting.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

List of participants:

1. Ms. Debashree Mukherjee, Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR, MoJS – in Chair
2. Shri Rajeev Kumar Mital, Director General, NMCG cum Project Director, NRCD
3. Shri Karan Singh, Joint Secretary, NRCD
4. Shri Anup Kumar Srivastava, Executive Director (Technical), NMCG
5. Shri Nazimuddin, Scientist F, CPCB
6. Shri Vishal Gandhi, Scientist E, CPCB
7. Ms. Alpana Narula, Scientist B, CPCB
8. Shri. J. P. Singh, Director, NRCD
9. Shri S.K. Srivastava, Scientist-F, NRCD
10. Shri A.P. Singh, Scientist-E, NRCD
11. Dr. Sabita Madhvi Singh, Scientist-E, NRCD
12. Dr. Pravin Kumar, Director-Technical, NMCG
13. Shri Rajat Kumar, Senior Waste Management Specialist, NMCG
14. Shri Ishwer Singh, Consultant (Legal), NMCG
15. Shri Vijay Kumar, Assistant Civil Engineer, NMCG
16. Shri Mahender Singh, Monitoring Expert, NMCG
17. Shri Rachit Andley, Project Manager, NMCG
18. Mrs. Ruby Raju, Senior Project Engineer, NMCG
