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3. Additional Chief Secretary, Public Health Engineering Department, Govt. of Haryana
4. Additional Chief Secretary, TCP, Govt. of Haryana
5. Commissioner, Irrigation Department, Govt. of Haryana
6. Commissioner, Urban Local Bodies Department, Govt. of Haryana
7. Deputy Commissioner, Ambala
8. Deputy Commissioner, Karnal
9. Regional Officer, Ambala
10. Regional Officer, Karnal

Sub: Proceeding of the meeting regarding progress of River Action Plans held under Chairmanship of Hon'ble Environment Minister, Govt. of Haryana.

Kindly refer to the subject noted above.

In this connection, I have been directed to enclose herewith the copy of proceedings of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Environment Minister, Govt. of Haryana on 08.08.2023 at 03:00 PM in Haryana Niwas, Chandigarh to review the progress of River Action Plans for information and compliance please.

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**Sr. Env. Engineer (HQ)
For Chairman**

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A copy of the above is forwarded to PS to Environment Minister, Govt. of Haryana for information please.

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**Sr. Env. Engineer (HQ)
For Chairman**

Proceeding of the meeting held on 08.08.2023 at 04:00 PM under Chairmanship of Hon'ble Environment Minister, Govt. of Haryana regarding progress of River Action Plans.

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Kanwar Pal, Hon'ble Environment Minister on 08.08.2023 in Haryana Niwas, Chandigarh to review the progress of River Action Plans.

Right at the outset, Chairman, HSPCB welcomed the Hon'ble Minister and briefed about the agenda points of the meeting. Thereafter, Sh. J.P. Singh, SEE, HSPCB gave a brief overview of the Action Plans and action taken so far as this was the first meeting with Hon'ble Minister on topic River Action Plans. It was presented that both river Yamuna and Ghaggar travel through the territory of Haryana on interstate borders. Yamuna receives effluent from UP, Delhi and Haryana during its course of travel and similarly Ghaggar river receives effluent from Chandigarh, HP, Punjab and Haryana. 11 major drains of Haryana release effluent in Yamuna and 12 major drains in Ghaggar river from Haryana. The State of Haryana had prepared and submitted action plan in NGT in year 2019. During the course of implementation of action plans, there is improvement in quality of effluent in most of the drains except few drains for both the rivers. The state is so far successful in arresting the further degradation of water quality though there is still a challenge to restore it to previous State. The implementation of action plan is being reviewed at level of Govt. of India, CS Haryana and Deputy Commissioners. Hon'ble Chief Minister has also taken review meetings and directed that every month, one meeting be held and one Deputy Commissioner from Yamuna river catchment and one from Ghaggar river catchment be invited for the meeting and they shall present the status of implementation of river action plans. In the earlier meetings, Deputy Commissioner of Panchkula and Yamuna Nagar made presentations before Hon'ble Chief Minister and in continuation to that Deputy Commissioners of Ambala and Deputy Commissioner Karnal have been invited for making presentation in this meeting.

With permission of the Chair, first Deputy Commissioner, Ambala made a detailed presentation about the overall scenario of the river water quality of his district along the action being taken to control the water pollution. The comparative improvement in water quality was also presented. Afterwards, Deputy Commissioner Karnal also made his presentation on similar lines and informed about the overall scenario of the district regarding Yamuna Action Plan.

Concluding the discussion, Hon'ble Minister emphasized the need to reuse the treated effluent/sewage so that pressure of use of river water could be reduced and the flow of water in rivers could increase. He enquired about no. of industries which reuse/ recycle the treated effluent. Dr. Babu Ram, Technical Expert, HSPCB informed that there are 1305 industries which have been listed for use of treated sewage/effluent. Hon'ble Minister desired that there should be awareness campaign

regarding river action plans and its importance through various media. He suggested use of social media in a campaign mode, as one of the effective options. The Chairman, HSPCB suggested that radio jingles can be got relayed through Aakashwani. Additional Chief Secretary, Environment suggested that WhatsApp group can be formed of Eco club members, covering students/teachers. Awareness can be effectively spread through this channel.

Hon'ble Minister emphasized the need for close monitoring of industries who claim Zero Liquid Discharge or show no discharge point. There might be chances of reverse pumping into ground water, which is a heinous crime. There should be incentives/disincentives for entities who reuse/recycle treated effluent and show best practice.

Additional Chief Secretary, Environment and the Chairman, HSPCB assured to act on the suggestions given by Hon'ble Environment Minister in true letter and spirit.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and all the participants.

List of participants of the meeting held on 08.08.2023 at 04:00 PM under Chairmanship of Hon'ble Environment Minister, Govt. of Haryana regarding progress of River Action Plans.

Sr. No.	Name, Designation and Department
1	Sh. Kanwar Pal, Hon'ble Environment Minister, Govt. of Haryana... in Chair
2	Sh. Vineet Garg, IAS, ACS, Environment Department, Haryana
3	Sh. P. Raghavendra Rao, Chairman, HSPCB
4	Sh. D.K. Behra, IAS, DG, D&P Department
5	Sh. Pardeep Kumar, IAS, Member Secretary, HSPCB
6	Dr. Shaleen, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Ambala
7	Sh. Anish Yadav, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Karnal
8	Sh. Sachin Gupta, IAS, Additional Director, ULBD
9	Dr. Babu Ram, Technical Expert, HSPCB
10	Sh. Rakesh Chauhan, EIC, Irrigation Department
11	Sh. Sanjiv Kumar Chopra, Chief Engineer, HSVP
12	Sh. Shailender Singh, Chief Engineer, PHED
13	Sh. Mukesh Gupta, HOD (Engineering), HSIIDC
14	Sh. J.P. Singh, Sr. Env. Engineer, HSPCB
15	Sh. Rakesh Goel, SE, Panchayat Department
16	Sh. Nitin Mehta, Regional Officer, Ambala, HSPCB
17	Sh. Shailender Arora, Regional Officer, Karnal, HSPCB
18	Sh. Ranbir Singh, XEN, ULBD
19	Sh. Ashwani, Env. Engineer, HSPCB
20	Sh. Sukhram, Sc-B, HSPCB