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To

1. Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana, Industries & Commerce Department, Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh.
2. Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana, Environment, Forests & Wildlife Department, Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh
3. Additional Chief Secretary, Development & Panchayat Department, Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh.
4. Additional Chief Secretary, Public Health Engineering Department, Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh.
5. Commissioner and Secretary, Irrigation Department, Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh
6. Commissioner and Secretary, Urban Local Bodies Department, Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh
7. Chief Administrator, Haryana Shaheri Vikas Pradhikaran, Panchkula
8. Deputy Commissioner, Sonapat
9. Regional Officer, Sonapat

**Sub: Minutes of the meeting held on 29.01.2024 at 03:30 PM under the Chairmanship of Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana with Heads/ Administrative Secretaries of Stakeholder Departments/ Agencies in Main Committee Room, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Sector-1, Chandigarh in the matter of OA No. 463 of 2023- Dr. Lokesh Kumar Vs State of Haryana & Others.**

Kindly refer to the subject noted above.

In this connection, I have been directed to enclose herewith the copy of minutes of the meeting held on 29.01.2024 at 03:30 PM under the Chairmanship of Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana with Heads/ Administrative Secretaries of Stakeholder Departments/ Agencies in Main Committee Room, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Sector-1, Chandigarh in the matter of OA No. 463 of 2023- Dr. Lokesh Kumar Vs State of Haryana & Others to discuss the issue raised by Sh. Rahul Khurana, Advocate vide his letter dated 13.01.2024 for information and compliance please.

DA/As above

  
Sr. Env. Engineer (HQ)  
For Chairman

**Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Haryana on 29 January 2024 at 3:30 PM in Main Committee Room, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Sector-1, Chandigarh with regard to order dated 22 December 2023 in O.A No. 463 of 2023 in the matter of Dr. Lokesh Kumar Vs State of Haryana & Ors.**

The list of the participants is as per **Annexure-1**.

2. It was apprised that OA No. 463 of 2023 in the matter of Dr. Lokesh Kumar Vs State of Haryana & Ors is regarding the issue of water pollution in drain No. 6 and 8 at Sonipat, wherein, it has been mentioned that polluted water falling in drain No. 6 gets mixed with clean water of parallel drain No. 8, whereby water treatment plant at Delhi receives raw water for supply of drinking water in Delhi. The mixing of polluted water with clean water of drain No. 8, affects the functioning of water treatment plant.
3. It was further informed that the Joint Committee constituted by NGT submitted its report to the National Green Tribunal on 6 November 2023 highlighting the following points relating to pollution in drain No. 8.
  - i. Drain No.6 is carrying the treated/untreated effluents from various sources of District Sonipat.
  - ii. Dredging of drain No. 6 is periodically done by the Municipal Corporation, Sonipat in the municipal limits and by the Irrigation & Water Resources Department outside MC limits. Last dredging was done in the month of June, 2023.
  - iii. The effluent discharged from drain No. 6 is not being completely carried through inverted siphon and at the inlet of siphon, the discharge was found overflowing and mixing with water in drain No. 8, possibly due to partial clogging of inlet of inverted siphon under designed system.
  - iv. The common wall/bund provided to maintain separate flow between drain No. 6 and 8 was found of insufficient height and was also damaged at many

points/stretchches resulting in mixing of waste water of drain No. 6 with clean water of drain No. 8.

- v. The value of ammonical nitrogen in all the samples collected from the drain No. 6 was high (2.24 to 16.24 mg/l).
- vi. Drain No. 6 was carrying highly coloured effluent, which is an indicator of severe water pollution.
- vii. Detailed toxicology study required to be undertaken by an institute of repute to understand the impact that has caused on ecological system of canal carrying river water deemed to be used for drinking purposes at downstream.
- viii. Untreated waste water of MC Sonipat as well as 31.48 MLD untreated sewage from 27 untapped discharge sources with BOD level ranging between 58 mg/l to 260 mg/l, are discharged into drain No. 6.

4. The Officers of HSPCB informed that fresh survey has been conducted and it has been observed that presently, 19 untapped discharge points exist, out of which, 16 points have been tapped by diverting the untreated sewage of these points to nearby STPs. 03 remaining points shall be diverted to STP by 31 March 2024. It was further submitted that the treated/untreated discharge of Panipat, Gohana, Samalkha and Karnal area is discharged into drain No.2 leading to drain No.6 and adequate steps are required to be taken to treat the wastewater of these towns before their discharges into drain No.6. It was also informed that untreated discharge of sewage/waste water through tankers is also discharged into drain No.6 and deteriorating its further quality.

5. Deputy Commissioner, Sonipat informed that all the untapped discharge points shall be tapped by 31 March 2024. The augmentation work of 30 MLD STP shall be completed by 31 March 2024. It was also emphasized that the utilization capacity of 25 MLD STP at Kakroi be enhanced by suitable interventions.

6. MD, HSIIDC submitted that upgradation work of 16 MLD CETP shall be completed by 31 March 2024 and it is assured that all the CETPs of Sonipat area are operated efficiently and effectively to meet with the standards prescribed by the MoEF&CC at all the time. But presently not working for want of CTO. ACS, Environment assured that they should apply for CTO immediately and conditional/ short

term CTO shall be granted by HSPCB. It was also apprised that illegal tankers are plying in Sonapat and dumping industrial waste in drains, rivers, road side, etc. ACS, Environment suggested that the land looked industries can be inspected by HSPCB on complaint basis. CS desired that in addition, the action be taken on illegal tankers also by the administration and police.

7. HOD(Spl.)-EIC, Irrigation informed that requisite civil repairs and cleaning of Inverted Syphon has been done properly. Internal clearance of New Drain No. 6 has been initiated by engaging two poeklane machines and would be completed by 28 February 2024. Further, for solving this problem permanently, tender for construction of closed conduit pipeline for disposal of untreated effluent of Drain No. 6 in the bed of Diversion Drain No. 8 from RD 53500 to RD 29400 at an estimated cost of Rs. 41.14 crore has been invited and will be opened on 19 February 2024.

8. After detailed deliberations, following decisions were taken:

- i. The Deputy Commissioner, Sonipat shall depute a team of officers of HSPCB, Irrigation and Water Resources Department, MC, Sonipat and HSIIDC to identify all the sewage/waste water discharge points into drain No. 6 and information be prepared in the following format within 10 days.

| Sr.no. | Name of discharge point and its location | Discharge (m <sup>3</sup> /day)<br>Name of officer responsible | Name & capacity of STP in which discharge is to be diverted | Timelines for diversion |
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- ii. MCs/PHED/HISVP/or any other executing department shall divert all the sewage/waste water discharge points to nearby by STPs by 31 March 2024 and shall ensure that no discharge point is entered into drain No. 6 after 31 March 2024. Irrigation and Water Resources Department shall co-ordinate the matter.

- iii. MC/PHED shall complete the augmentation work of 30 MLD STP of Sonipat and new STP of Samalkha by 31 March 2024.
- iv. HSIIDC shall complete the upgradation work of 16 MLD capacity CETP by 31 March 2024. The department shall also ensure that all the CETPs of Sonipat and Panipat area are operated effectively and efficiently to meet the prescribed standards. HSPCB shall monitor the performance of CETPs/STPs on monthly basis.
- v. Deputy Commissioner, Sonipat shall depute District Level Task Force to conduct surprise inspection along drain No. 6 and drain No. 8 on odd hours to catch the tankers discharging septage/waste water into these drains and FIR may be registered against the defaulting agency /person including owners of the tankers and report in this regard be prepared/ submitted to HSPCB.
- vi. Meeting be held with the concerned departments with regard to discharge of waste water/sewage of Panipat, Gohana, Samalkha and Karnal area into drain No. 2/other drains leading to drain No. 6 within 10 days and prepare action plan along with timelines for treatment of waste water/diversion of sewage/wastewater of these towns into existing STPs within one month.
- vii. HSPCB shall get conducted detailed toxicology study from an Institute of repute within 02 months to assess the impact on ecological system of canal carrying water used for drinking purposes at downstream areas.
- viii. The Irrigation Department shall also take penal action under the provision of Canal and Drainage Act and HSPCB shall extend assistance to Irrigation Department, if required.
- ix. On the next date of hearing, i.e., on 6 March 2024, the Commissioner Municipal Corporation, Sonipat and Engineering-in-chief, Irrigation and Water Resources Departments shall personally appear before the National Green Tribunal to apprise about the action taken by the departments to stop discharge in drain No. 6 and subsequently in drain No. 8.

The meeting ended with thanks to all participants.

Annexure-1

List of participants of meeting held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Haryana on 29 January 2024 at 3:30 PM in Main Committee Room, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Sector-1, Chandigarh with regard to order dated 22 December 2023 in O.A. No. 463 of 2023 in the matter of Dr. Lokesh Kumar Vs State of Haryana & Ors.

| Sr. No. | Name and Designation   |
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| 1.      | Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Haryana.....in chair             |
| 2.      | Sh. Vineet Garg, IAS, ACS, Environment Department, Haryana Chandigarh                |
| 3.      | Sh. Anand Mohan Saran, IAS, ACS, Industries, Haryana, Chandigarh                     |
| 4.      | Sh. Yash Garg, IAS, MD, HSIIDC, Panchkula  |
| 5.      | Sh. Birender Singh, EIC, Irrigation Department, Haryana, Panchkula                   |
| 6.      | Sh. Shailender Singh, Chief Engineer, PHED, Panchkula                                |
| 7.      | Dr. Babu Ram, Technical Expert, HSPCB, Panchkula                                     |
| 8.      | Sh. Anil Bhardwaj, District Attorney, Office of Chief Secretary, Haryana, Chandigarh |
| 9.      | Sh. JP Singh, SEE, HSPCB, Panchkula  |
| 10.     | Sh. Pardeep Singh, RO, Sonapat   |
| 11.     | Sh. Ranbir Singh, XEN, ULBD, Panchkula   |
| 12.     | Sh. Manjeet Hooda, XEN, Irrigation, Haryana, Delhi                                   |