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To

1. ACS, Irrigation Department, Haryana, Chandigarh
2. ACS, Forests & Wildlife Department, Haryana, Chandigarh.
3. ACS, Agriculture Department, Haryana, Chandigarh
4. ACS, Town & Country Planning Department, Haryana, Chandigarh
5. ACS, PHED, Haryana, Chandigarh.
6. ACS, Industries Department, Haryana, Chandigarh.
7. Secretary, Urban Local Bodies Dept, Haryana, Chandigarh.
8. Secretary, Development & Panchayat Deptt, Haryana, Chandigarh.

S u b : Minutes of the meeting held under the chairmanship of Sh. T.V.S.N Prasad, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Haryana on 23.4.2024 at 1:00 PM in the Main Committee Room, Civil Secretariat, Haryana in compliance of the orders dated 5.4.2024 passed by Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in OA no. 22 of 2024 (CZ) in the matter of Harish Solanki Vs State of Madhya Pradesh and Ors.

Kindly refer to the subject noted above.

In this connection, I have been directed to enclose herewith the copy of minutes of meeting held on 23.04.2024 at 01:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Sh. T.V.S.N. Prasad, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana with Heads / Administrative Secretaries of stakeholder Departments / Agencies in Main Committee Room, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Sector-1, Chandigarh in compliance of the orders dated 5.4.2024 passed by Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in OA no. 22 of 2024 (CZ) in the matter of Harish Solanki Vs State of Madhya Pradesh and Ors for information and compliance please.

DA/ As above

Sr. Env. Engineer (HQ)
For Chairman

Subject: Minutes of the meeting held under the chairmanship of Sh. T.V.S.N Prasad, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Haryana on 23.4.2024 at 1:00 PM in the Main Committee Room, Civil Secretariat, Haryana in compliance of the orders dated 5.4.2024 passed by the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in OA no. 22 of 2024 (CZ) in the matter of Harish Solanki Vs State of Madhya Pradesh and Ors'.

The list of the participants is at **Annexure-1**.

At the outset, the Additional Chief Secretary, Environment & Climate Change Department welcomed the participants and apprised that in the present matter the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal has considered discharge of untreated wastewater into river Tapti and it has been considered as a follow up of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 22.2.2017 in the matter of "Paryavaran Surakshya Samiti Vs Union of India", which mandates establishment and functioning of requisite ETPs/CETPs/STPs by 31.3.2018. The Hon'ble Tribunal has earlier also dealt this matter in OA no. 673 of 2018 vide order dated 22.2.2021, wherein, the matter relating to remedial action for rejuvenation of 351 identified polluted river stretches in the Country for which the major step is preventing discharge of industrial and domestic waste in to the river or drains connected thereto.

It was further apprised that the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in its order dated 5.4.2024 in OA No. 22 of 2024 in the matter of Harish Solanki Vs State of Madhya Pradesh and Ors has directed in para 13 as under:

Para no. 13

- i. In the light of observations in Para 38 above, MoJS may devise an appropriate mechanism for more effective monitoring of steps for control of pollution and rejuvenation of all polluted river trenches in the country. The said mechanism may be called —National River Rejuvenation Mechanism (NRRM) or given any other suitable name. NRRM may also consider the observations with regard to setting up of National/State/District Environment Data Grid at appropriate levels as an effective monitoring strategy.
- ii. Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs and PCBs/PCCs must work in mission mode for strict compliance of timelines for commencing new projects, completing ongoing projects and adopting interim phyto/bio-remediation measures, failing which compensation in terms of earlier orders be deposited with the MoJS, to be utilised in the respective States as per action plan to be approved by the NRRM. Other steps interms of action plans for abatement to pollution and rejuvenation of rivers, including preventing discharge or dumping of liquid and solid waste, maintaining e-flow, protecting floodplains, using treated sewage for secondary purposes, developing bio- diversity parks, protecting waterbodies, regulating ground water extraction, water

conservation, maintaining water quality etc. be taken effectively. The process of rejuvenation of rivers need not be confined to only 351 stretches but may be applicable to all small, medium and big polluted rivers, including those dried up.

- iii. The Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs may personally monitor progress at least once every month and the NRRM every quarter.
- iv. Directions of this Tribunal in earlier order, the last being dated 21.9.2020 are reiterated.
- v. The NRRM and the Chief Secretaries of all the States/UTs may take into account the observations in Paras 24 to 38 above.
- vi. In view of discussion in para 38 above, it is made clear that accountability for failure to comply with the direction for payment of compensation will be of the concerned Chief Secretaries under Sections 25, 26, 28 and 30 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010. The MoJS or any other aggrieved person will be free to take remedies by way of initiating prosecution or execution.

A detailed presentation was made by the officers of HSPCB, wherein, the action taken by the State of Haryana in compliance of the directions of the Hon'ble NGT.

After detailed deliberations in the matter, the following decisions were taken in the meeting.

- i. HSPCB shall prepare the details of the environment funds utilized/to be utilized by various executing departments for construction of new STPs, upgradation of existing STPs, construction of new CETPs, upgradation of existing CETPs, rejuvenation of polluted drains within 01 month.
- ii. HSPCB shall carry out mapping of the drains / sources of pollution from river Yamuna and river Ghaggar and detailed information w.r.t pollution sources entering into these rivers may be prepared within 01 month.
- iii. The executing departments like PHED, ULB, HSIIDC, Irrigation department, HSVP, GMDA, FMDA, Panchayat department shall identify the slum areas located between STPs and drains carrying treated sewage of STPs and the untreated waste water of these slum areas may be connected to the nearby STPs within 03 months. These departments shall ensure that in future, no slum area is allowed to be set up along the drains carrying treated sewage / waste water. The other encroached areas may also be identified by the said executing departments within 15 days.
- iv. HSPCB in consultation with the executing department will identify priority areas in the State and action plan for control of pollution in terms of water, solid waste (municipal solid waste, biomedical waste, hazardous waste, etc.) may be prepared within 02 months.
- v. The executing departments (PHED, ULB, HSIIDC, Irrigation department, HSVP, GMDA, FMDA, Panchayats department) in consultation with department of Forests, will identify the areas along drains and provide for achieving with adequate number of plants within 03 months.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the participants.

List of Participants of the meeting held under the chairmanship of Sh. T.V.S.N Prasad, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Haryana on 23.4.2024 at 1:00 PM in the main committee room, Civil Secretariat, Haryana in compliance to order dated 5.4.2024 in OA no. 22 of 2024 (CZ) in the matter of Harish Solanki Vs State of Madhya Pradesh and Ors.

Sr.No.	Name and Designation
1.	Sh. T.V.S.N Prasad, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana, Chandigarh
2.	Sh. Anand Mohan Sharan, IAS, ACS, Env., Forest & Wildlife, Haryana, Chandigarh
3.	Sh. AK Singh, IAS, ACS, PHED, Govt. of Haryana, Chandigarh (through VC)
4.	Sh. Arun Gupta, IAS, ACS, Industries & TCP, Haryana, Chandigarh
5.	Sh. Vikas Gupta, IAS, Secretary, ULBD, Haryana, Chandigarh
6.	Sh. Amit Kr. Agrawal, IAS, Secretary, D&P, Haryana, Chandigarh
7.	Sh. Pankaj Agarwal, IAS, Secretary, I&WRD, Haryana, Chandigarh
8.	Sh. A.Sreenivas, IAS, CEO, GMDA, Gurugram (through VC)
9.	Sh. Rajnarayan Kaushik, IAS, Director, Agriculture Department, Haryana, Panchkula
10.	Dr. Babu Ram, Technical Expert, HSPCB, Panchkula
11.	Sh. Asheem Khanna, EIC, PHED, Panchkula
12.	Sh. Rajesh Bansal, Chief Engineer, GMDA, Gurugram (through VC)
13.	Sh. Mukesh Gupta, HOD (Engg.) HSIIDC, Panchkula
14.	Sh. Sanjiv Kr. Chopra, CE-I, HSVP, Panchkula
15.	Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Chief Engineer, PHED, Panchkula
16.	Sh. ML Rana, Chief Engineer, Irrigation Department, Panchkula
17.	Sh. Yashvir Singh, Chief Engineer, Panchayat, Haryana, Chandigarh
18.	Sh. Gulshan Kumar, AGM (Engg.), HSIIDC, Panchkula
19.	Sh. AK Bhardwaj, DA/ CS Office
20.	Sh. JP Singh, SEE, HSPCB, Panchkula
21.	Sh. Vivek Singh, SE, ULBD, Panchkula
22.	Sh. Ranbir Singh, EE, ULBD, Panchkula