



Minutes of the meeting

Agenda : River Rejuvenation Committee Meeting to review the progress as per NGT Order in OA 673 of 2018 (Remedial action for the conservation of Polluted river stretches)

Chair : Secretary, Environment

Date / Time : 17.2.2024 / 3.00 PM (Online meeting)

Participants:

- 1. MD Kerala Water Authority**
- 2. Director, Urban affairs**
- 3. District Collector, Palakkad**
- 4. Additional Secretary, Environment**
- 5. Chief Engineer, Irrigation**
- 6. Joint Director, LSGD**
- 7. Member Secretary, Kerala State Pollution Control Board**
- 8. Officials from Land Revenue Commissionerate**
- 9. Officials from District Collectorates**
- 10. Officials from Local Self Government Institutions**

Main discussion Points

* The Secretary, Environment Department welcomed the participants.

* The Member Secretary, Kerala State Pollution Control Board gave a brief introduction about the status of the ongoing projects. She made a brief description and said that according to the last RRC meeting, it was asked to conduct monthly review by the Departments concerned and District Collectors. It was also informed that with respect to meeting held

on 18/01/2024 by Secretary, Environment Department, it was asked to give the list of Nodal Officers of Departments concerned and said that Nodal Officers are responsible to submit action plans with timeline along with the details of the activities progressing.

* MS, KSPCB made a brief description of the ongoing projects being implemented in the State. It was also informed about the construction of three STP's were completed namely 1. STP at General hospital Alappuzha (0.24 MLD), 2. STP at Taluk hospital Adimali (0.06 MLD) and 3. STP at Padanapalam Kannur (1 MLD). It is also informed that 30 projects are completed, progressing-14, work awarded-2, retendering-1, tendering-10, sanctioned-1, DPR approved-17, DPR stage-18.

Review of Projects and decision taken

1. STP at Edakochi South - The Corporation Mayor held a meeting on 02.08.2023 to solve the issue. Public protest is still existing. Work started on 6th December 2023. The Physical Progress of the project is only 8%. The local body expect to complete the project by the end of June 2025

(Action :- Director, AMRUT, LSGD (Urban) Department)

2. FSTP at Munnar :- Munnar GP has submitted application to DC, Idukki for resumption of land. Due to a Court case, work stopped temporarily. Since Governmental intervention is required in this matter, the local body has requested via DC for the same. District Collector, Idukki informed that the land was taken by KDH company on lease and Government order is required to take back land. Letter was given to Principal Secretary, Revenue for getting order. Secretary, Munnar Grama Panchayat informed that no progress was noticed. Construction was already started in the land as per Court order and the land is resumed for restarting the work. Secretary, Environment asked to follow the procedure for resuming land.

(Action: Revenue Department/ LSGD (Rural) Department/ Commissioner, Land Revenue / Munnar Grama Panchayat)

3. STP at Kureepuzha (12 MLD)- 8 % of the total work and 100% of civil work of STP completed and strict directions were given to the contractor for completing the work as early as possible. Administrative Building Work in progress. Expected to be completed by 31.03.2024.

(Action- LSGD (URBAN) Secretary/ Kollam Corporation/ KWA)

4. (a) STP at Avikkal - The stay against the project is still continuing. Next hearing of the case is posted on 29.02.2024. The SHPSC held on 14.12.2023 directed KWA to verify the project as the cost per household is high. The estimate of the project to be modified by the ULB based on the comments given by KWA.

(Action- KWA)

(b) STP at Kothi- The SHPSC held on 14.12.2023 directed KWA to verify the project as the cost per household is high. The estimate of the project to be modified by the ULB based on the comments given by KWA on 25.01.2024

(Action- LSG (Urban) Department/ DC Kozhikodu / Kozhikodu Corporation)

5. Sarovaram STP Project (27 MLD) .T h e SHPSC has approved the project. AS issued vide G.O.(Rt) No.55/ 2024/ LSGD, dated 08.01.2024, Technical Sanction to be issued by the KWA.The Implementing Officer and stake holder Departments/ Authorities are requested to speed the ground work.

(Action- MD KWA/ Local Self Government (Urban)

6. CETP, Aroor - The land proposed for the project was allotted for a unit and the unit filed a case against this. As per judgement unit should utilize land before 22.12.23 and they started their building works. The petitioner started some piling works etc for the building construction at the site, but could not start any industrial activity and the GM, Alappuzha has resumed the land on 08/01/2024. DPR preparation for CETP Construction will be resumed shortly.

(Action - Director, Industries and Commerce/ Commissioner, Land Revenue)

7. STP/FSTP Projects: Thrissur Corporation - Decentralized Sewerage Scheme - The stakeholder Departments agreed that the proposed area acquired for the project is a paddy land. The Local Level Monitoring Committee has approved the proposal and now placed for the approval SLMC . Decision of SLMC is awaited . To be placed in the SLTC/ SHPSC for approval for inclusion in the Tranche-3 projects after the land availability is confirmed.

**(Action- Local Self Government Dept/ Agriculture Dept/ Director,
Agriculture)**

8. FSTP at Yakkara, Palakkad - 70 cents of land has been received to the ULB for the plant. The ULB shall take urgent steps to tender the work. Revised Administration Sanction issued, agreement to be signed. The Local body is requested to take all necessary steps to complete the project within the timeline . The Deputy Collector Palakkad reported that DPR is under preparation.

**(Action - Local Self Government (Urban) Department/ Secretary,
Palakkadu Municipality).**

9. STP/ FSTP in railway land at Shornur - The Administrative Sanction for the Projects has received. The local body complained that the estimated cost of Rs. 45 crore for the co- treatment plant is unaffordable and the Municipal Council has brought the matter to administrative department. Letter send to Divisional Engineerr palakkad requesting all possible necessary clearance from railway authorities on 5/1/24.

(Action : Local Self Govt. Dept./ Local Self Govt. (Urban) Dept)

10. 5 MLD STP- Elamkulam - The STP is functioning. But co- treatment is temporarily stopped due to choking in the plant. Co-treatment will restart once the trouble is getting solved. Action is being taken with the help of Technical Experts from NIIST.

(Action - MD, KWA/ Secretary, Kochi Corporation)

11. Eviction of encroachment - In the previous meeting held on 27.12.2023 CE, Irrigation reported that 300 petitions were forwarded to the revenue officials for remedial action. 133 petitions also received since then are also forwarded to the concerned. The comprehensive proforma, consolidated on a circle-wise basis, was sent to LR commissioner on 18.01.2024 and detailed proforma via email on 16.01.2024.

(Action - Commissioner, Land Revenue)

12. E flow of Rivers - As per the existing NGT order the minimum E flow calculation required is 15-20, which is based on flow of Himalayan fed rivers.As the method cannot be applied to Southern states which are monsoon fed, a new methodology is required.To implement a new

methodology and validate the calculated e Flow, CWRDM requires 25 years of fisheries data from the Fisheries Department and hydraulic/cross-sectional data from the Hydrographic Wing. A request has been submitted to the respective departments, and active follow-ups are being conducted.

(Action : Water Resources Department).

13. Land policy for identifying land for sewer networks and STP s- Commissioner, Land Revenue Department informed that the draft land policy after modifications was re submitted to the Hon'ble Revenue Minister.

(Action - Revenue Department).

The Meeting came to a close by 3.30 P.M

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