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Minutes of the State Level Committee meeting held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Amitabh Avasthi (IAS), Secretary (Health) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh on 05.03.2022 at 3.00 PM to review the compliance of COVID and Biomedical Waste Management in the State as per directions passed by the Hon'ble NGT on dated 07.01.2022 in OA NO. 180/2021.

Meeting of the State Level Committee meeting under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Health) to the GoHP was held on 05.03.2022 at 3.00 PM in the Committee Room, Armsdale Building, H.P. Secretariat Shimla to review the compliance of COVID and Biomedical Waste Management Rules in the State as per directions passed by the Hon'ble NGT on dated 07.01.2022 in OA NO. 180/2021.

The list of Members who attended the meeting is enclosed as **Annexure-1**.

At the outset, Sh. Apoorv Devgan (IAS), Member Secretary, HPSPCB welcomed the Chairman of the State Level Committee and other members and outlined the background of the case *titled Mukul Kumar V/s State of Uttar Prdaesh and Ors.* and directions passed by the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal on dated 07.01.2022 in OA NO. 180/2021. Thereafter, a detailed presentation was made by the Member Secretary on the compliance status of COVID-19 and biomedical waste management in the State. The Committee was also apprised that similar aspects of COVID-19 and bio-medical waste management are also being reviewed at State Level by the worthy Chief Secretary and ACS (EST) Govt. of Himachal Pradesh pursuant to the orders passed by the Hon'ble NGT in OA No: 710/2017 & 72/2020. The case under review i.e. OA No. 180/2021 *titled Mukul Kumar V/s State of Uttar Pradesh & Ors.* has also been disposed-of on dated 07.01.2022 by the Hon'ble NGT with the following directions:

"24.The State and District level Committees may also meet within two weeks in the first instance and thereafter the State Committee may once in a month and the District Committee once in a fortnight initially till the situation improves and at longer intervals thereafter as may be found necessary. The CMC may hold a meeting through video conferencing with the State level Monitoring Committees within one month to consider the action plans to bridge the gaps in monitoring and compliance. For effective monitoring, the Committees may consider availing services of retired Principals/Heads of the Departments/other experts from Government Medical Colleges or other institutions to ensure that a panel is available to assist in effective monitoring including undertaking a periodical visit to the CBWTFs, coordinating awareness/training programmes and holding joint meetings at State/District Levels to review the compliance status. The

Committees may ensure remedial and coercive measures, if there are violations such as a number of vehicles employed being inadequate or waste found scattered or thrown in open or deficiencies in the collection, transportation, handling, and disposal. The Committee may place their respective proceedings on their respective websites.

The Committee was apprised that guidelines prescribed for the management of COVID-19 waste under the Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016 are effectively being enforced in the State. There is no gap in waste generation and treatment/disposal of Covid-19 waste in the State. In total 429 institutions have reported COVID-19 waste generation and disposal through COVID-19 BMW APP, out of which 344 institutions have disposed-off COVID-19 waste through the CBWTF and 85 institutions through captive disposal facilities (deep burial). Till 28.02.2022, about 622.7 MT of COVID-19 waste have been generated and disposed-off in the State through CBWTFs or deep burial pits. During February, 2022 about 12.9 MT (i.e. 0.46 MT per day) of COVID-19 waste was generated, which has significantly reduced to an average quantity of 0.24 MT per day as per latest waste generation status up to 05.03.2022.

Further, the Committee was apprised that there are 9062 HCFs being regulated under the Bio-medical Waste Management Rules, 2016 and the State Board has Authorized 3 Common Biomedical Waste Treatment and Disposal Facilities (CBWTFs) established at Solan, Una, and Kangra districts having incineration capacity of 6.4 MT/day. Approximately 3.3 MT/day (94.9%) of bio-medical waste is being disposed-off through the CBWTFs and 0.18 MT/day (5%) by captive disposal/deep burial methods. One more CBWTF of capacity 200 Kg/Hr is being established at District Bilaspur. Therefore, the State has sufficient capacity to cater the need for disposal of bio-medical waste through common facilities.

To ensure the emissions compliance monitoring of these CBWTFs the State Board has prescribed an Inspection and Monitoring Schedule under the Rules, besides, the CBWTFs have continuous on-line emission monitoring systems and vehicle tracking through a GPS system. All the CBWTFs are complying with the prescribed emission and effluent discharge norms and have 25 vehicles for collection and transportation of waste. Further, to improve compliance level the State Board is regularly conducting trainings to all the stakeholder institutions.

Out of 9062 Inventorised HCFs in the State only 1180 HCFs (1019 Non-bedded & 161 bedded) are yet to obtain mandatory authorization from the State Board and extended timeline in this regard permitted by the SLAC has also elapsed on 31.12.2021. Therefore, non-compliance of the provisions of Rules render these HCFs liable for penal action.



Directions:

- All the stakeholder departments shall ensure that non-complying institutions shall put in place the requisite system for waste management/disposal and obtain mandatory Consents/Authorizations (as applicable) from the State Board after complying with all the provisions of the Water Act, 1974 & Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016 before 30-04-2022. Sincere efforts are required from Allopathy, Ayurveda and Animal husbandry departments in this regard.
- All the agencies handling COVID-19 waste shall ensure its management, reporting & disposal as per the guidelines prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board.
- The State Board should ensure periodic inspection and monitoring of HCFs/CBWTFs as per Schedule prescribed.
- All the District Level Committees and stakeholder departments shall make serious efforts to ensure the compliance of the provisions of Rules ibid and directions passed by the Hon'ble NGT for management of COVID-19 and bio-medical waste.

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

Approved by
Amitabh Avasthi (IAS)
Secretary (Health) to the Govt. of H.P

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8. The Director, Dental Health Services, Kasumpti, Himachal Pradesh.
9. The Director (Urban Development) Talland, Shimla H.P
10. The Commissioner, MC Shimla
11. Dr. Sunite Ganju, Consultant O/o the Director Health Service, SDA Complex Kasumpti.
12. The President, IMA-HP, SMO Civil Hospital Palampur Distt. Kangra.
13. Sh. Sukhdev Singh Masand, VPO Dhoran, Tehsil Palampur Distt. Kangra
14. The Sr. Law Officer, H. P. State Pollution Control Board Shimla

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Attendance Sheet of the review meeting held on 05.03.2022 at 3.00 PM at Committee Room 6th Floor (Armsdale building) HP Secretariat, HP Shimla under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Health) to the Govt. of HP in compliance of the directions of Hon'ble NGT passed on dated 07.01.2022 in OA No. 180/2021 regarding management of Biomedical and Covid-19 waste.

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