

Minutes of the meeting of Special Task Force (STF) held on 31.12.2018 at Committee Room, HP Secretariat, Shimla (H.P.) – 171004' at 11.30 AM, under the Chairmanship of Sh. B.K. Agarwal, Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh in compliance to the Hon'ble NGT order dated 07.08.2018 vide OA No. 138/2016 & 139/2016 titled Stench Grips Mansa's Sacred Ghaggar River (Suo-Motu Case) And Yogender Kumar.

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At First, Sh. R.D. Dhiman, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary Secretary (Environment, Science & Technology), welcomed the Worthy Chief Secretary, Chairman of Special Task Force and Members of the Special Task Force as well as Officials of State Governments. The List of Officials attended the meeting is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

After a brief introduction of members Dr. R.K Pruthi, Member Secretart, HP State Pollution Control Board, briefed the Chairman about the main directions passed by Hon'ble NGT in the order dt. 07.08.2018 as follows:-

The **Special Task Force (STF)** comprising of Chief Secretary, the Environment Secretary, The Secretary of Urban Development, and Secretary of Local Bodies at **State Level**.

Mandate of Special Task Force (State Level)

- State STFs will furnish a 3 monthly report or the action taken report to the Central Pollution Control Board.

At **District Level**, the **STF** comprising of District Magistrate, Superintendent of Police, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, one person to be nominated by the District Judge in his capacity of Head of the District Legal Services Authority.

Mandate of Special Task Force (District Level)

- To identify persons responsible for violation of law so that action can be taken.
- Submission of Monthly Action Taken Report to State Level Special Task Force.

He further apprised that the District Level Task Force have conducted the 2 no's of meetings at **District –Solan and District – Sirmour on 11.10.2018, 26.11.2018 and 12.10.2018, 26.11.2018** for Sukhna Nallah catchment at Parwanoo and Markanda River Catchment at Kala Amb under the **chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner**.

He further added that, as per the NGT order an Executing Committee was also constituted by Hon'ble NGT comprising of Justice Pritam Pal, Former Judge, Punjab and Haryana High

Court as **Chairman**, Senior Scientist from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change as **Member** and Senior Engineer/Scientist from Central Pollution Control Board as **Member**. The Executing Committee is supposed to ensure compliance of the order passed by Hon'ble NGT and submit the interim report to Hon'ble National Green Tribunal before 31.01.2019

He further added that till date, **eight meetings of the Executing Committee** have been conducted i.e. one at Shimla and seven at Chandigarh where HPPCB participated in all meetings. During **8th meeting** of the Executing Committee on dated **22.12.2018** at Chandigarh, direction are issued to State of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh to **submit the Action Plan approved from State Government before 31.12.2018**.

As approved by the Worthy Chief Secretary, the Action Plan and Action Taken Report as submitted by Special Task Force (STF) shall be sent to Central Pollution Control Board and the Chairman, Executing Committee on 31.12.2018 in compliance to the NGT order dated 07.08.2018.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Addl. Chief Secretary (Environment, Science & Technology) to Worthy Chief Secretary and all members.

R.D. Dhiman, IAS
Additional Chief Secretary (Env Sc. & Technology)
to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh

Endst. No. HPSPCB/Special Task Force/OA No. 138/2016 & 139/2016/2018- **30071-81** Dated: **31/12/18**

Copy forwarded to the following for information as per Hon'ble NGT Order:

1. Justice Pritam Pal (Retd.), Chairman of Executive Committee (Ghaggar River), constituted vide Hon'ble NGT order dt. 07.08.2018, #665, Sec. 11-B, Chandigarh.
2. The Pr. Secretary (Urban Development), to the GoHP, HP Secretariat, Shimla.
3. Deputy Commissioners, Solan and Sirmour.
4. The Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110032.
5. The Director, Industry, HP Shimla.
6. The Director, Environment, Science & Technology, HP Shimla.
7. The Member Secretary, H.P. State Pollution Control Board, Shimla.
8. The Director, Urban Development, HP Shimla.
9. The Director, Rural Development, HP Shimla.
10. Director, Health Department, Shimla.
11. Engineer-in Chief, IPH, SHimla.

Dr. R.K Pruthi, IAS
Member Secretary, H P S PCB

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Annexure-I

List of Participants of the meeting of the held on 31.12.2018 at HP Secretariat, Shimla (H.P.) 171002 under the Chairmanship of Worthy Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh to discuss the final Action Plan in compliance to the Hon'ble NGT orders in the matter of Stench Grips Mansa's Sacrifice Ghaggar River (Suo-Motu Case) and Yogender Kumar vide OA No. 138 OF 2016 (T_{NHRC}) and OA No. 139 OF 2016 (T_{NHRC}).

S. No.	Name of the Official, Designation/Department
1.	Sh. Pabodh Saxena, Pr. Secretary (Urban Development) to the GoHP, Shimla.
2.	Sh. R. D. Dhiman, Addl. Chief Secretary (Env. Sci. & Tech.) to the GoHP, Shimla.
3.	Dr. R. K. Pruthi, Member Secretary, HPSPCB, Shimla.
4.	Sh. D. C. Rana, Director (Env. S&T) HP, Shimla.
5.	Sh. Des Raj Sharma, Director, Agriculture Department, HP, Shimla.
6.	Capt. J.M. Pathania, Director, Transport Department, HP, Shimla.
7.	Sh. Hemant Gupta, CCF (M & P) Forest Department, HP, Shimla.
8.	Er. Umesh Sharma, C.B.O-cum. Secretary, HIMUDA, HP, Shimla
9.	Dr. M. M. Dhiman, Joint Director, Horticulture Department, HP, Shimla.
10.	Er. R.C. Bhatu, Engineer HIMUDA, HP, Shimla
11.	Sh. Madan Kumar Minhas, SE, HPPWD, Shimla.
12.	Er. Ajeet Kumar Ravi, Sr. Environmental Engineer, H.P. State Pollution Control Board, HQ, Shimla.
13.	Er. S. K Shandil, Environmental Engineer, H.P. State Pollution Control Board, Regional Office Shimla.
14.	Sh. Chandan Kumar Singh, Asstt. Environmental Engineer, H.P. State Pollution Control Board, HQ Shimla.
15.	Sh. Praveen Kumar Sharma, Scientific Officer, H.P. State Pollution Control Board, HQ Shimla.
16.	Sh. K. S. Bragta, Assistant (Nodal Officer, NGT Matter), H.P. State Pollution Control Board, HQ Shimla.