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From

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Director, Env.-cum-Spl. Secy. to Government

To

The Member Secretary
State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Sub:

Preparation of Air Quality Action Plan for Non-attainment Cities of Odisha as per the order of the Hon'ble N.G.T.-regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter No. 13902, dt. 22.11.2018 on the above subject and send herewith the approved Minutes of the meeting held on 20.11.2018 at 4.30 p.m. on Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) along with letter No. 25599, dt. 28.11.2018 for favour of information and necessary action at your end.

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Yours faithfully,



Director, Env.-cum-Spl. Secy. to Government

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Minutes of the meeting of Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) held on dtd.20.11.2018 at 4.30 P.M. in the Chamber of Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Forest & Environment Department, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

A meeting of Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC), constituted vide Notification No.ENV-I-68/2018/24823/F&E, dtd.9th November, 2018 of Forest & Environment Department, Government of Odisha, was held on dtd.20.11.2018 at 4.30 P.M. under the Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Forest & Environment Department. Centre for Science and Environment, Delhi and Clean Air Asia, India were invited to attend the meeting. Officials of Clean Air Asia could not attend the meeting. The list of Officials attended the meeting is given in **Annexure**.

Initiating the discussion, Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) expressed his concern for timely preparation of Air Quality Action Plan for six Non-attainment cities in Odisha (Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Balasore, Angul, Talcher, Rourkela) as per the order of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) dtd.08.10.2018. He insisted that all concerned Departments should work together to prepare the Action Plan.


Member Secretary, SPC Board, Odisha made a presentation on the status of Air Quality Monitoring in the State and directions of Hon'ble NGT in its order dtd.08.10.2018. As per the order of Hon'ble NGT, the Air Quality Action Plans for non-attainment cities are to be submitted to Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) by 31st December, 2018. Ms. Anumita Roychowdhury, Executive Director, CSE, Delhi made a presentation on the methodology and coverage of Air Quality Action Plan. She also emphasized that the action plan will include the activities w.r.t. Vehicular pollution, Industrial pollution, Construction and Demolition pollution, Garbage burning etc. for achieving the required air quality standard. Therefore, information/data from the respective Departments of the identified non-attainment cities are to be collected and analyzed. She informed that CSE can take up preparation of Air Quality Action Plan for all six cities in Odisha before the stipulated date of Hon'ble NGT. She also informed

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that no financial assistance is required for carrying out the study. CSE will act as one of their programme. However coordination and support at State level as well as local level are to be provided.

After detail deliberations, the following decisions were taken.

1. CSE, Delhi is engaged to prepare Air Quality Monitoring Action Plan for six non-attainment cities in Odisha. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Forest & Environment Dept., Govt. of Odisha and Centre for Science and Environment, Delhi.
2. Letter to concerned Collectors will be issued from the Forest & Environment Department, Govt. of Odisha to provide all necessary support for data collection and to carry out field survey for preparation of Air Quality Monitoring Action Plan.
3. SPC Board, Odisha will be coordinating with the concerned Departments for obtaining necessary information/data through their Regional Officers.
4. The draft Action Plans will be discussed in stakeholders meeting, to be organized by SPC Board.
5. The final report will be submitted to Forest & Environment Department, Govt. Odisha by 24th December, 2018, so that the same can be submitted to CPCB by 31st December, 2018.
6. The concerned Departments (Transport Dept., Forest & Environment Dept., H&UD Dept., Industries Dept., Agriculture Dept., SPC Board, Odisha) will nominate their Nodal/Contact Officer within 7 days.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.


Addl. Chief Secretary,
Forest & Environment Department,
Government of Odisha.