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To,

1. The Director (Env.)-Cum-Spl. Secretary to Govt.,  
Forest & Environment Department, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
2. The Transport Commissioner-cum-Chairman  
State Transport Authority, Bhubaneswar
3. The Director, Municipal Administration,  
H&UD Department (Urban Development), Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
4. The Director of Industries, Killa Maidan, Baxi Bazar, Cuttack
5. The Director, Agriculture, Directorate of Agriculture & Food Production,  
Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
6. The Special Secretary to Govt., Home Department, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar

**Sub : Proceedings of 3<sup>rd</sup> Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) Meeting held on  
Dt.20.01.2021.**

Sir,

With reference to the above, the proceedings of the 3<sup>rd</sup> AQMC meeting, duly approved by the Additional Chief Secretary, Forest & Environment Department, Govt. of Odisha is enclosed for kind reference and necessary action at your end. As per the decision taken in the meeting a copy of the draft "Five-year Financial Plan" for "Clean Air Program in Non-attainment Cities" is enclosed for your views and comments within fifteen days.

Yours faithfully,

  
MEMBER SECRETARY

Encl : Draft plan

URGENT/ by e-mail today

**Government of Odisha  
Forest and Environment Department**

No. FE-ENV3-ENV-0012-2018 1886 /F&E, Dt. 27-01-2021

From

Sri Susanta Nanda, IFS  
Director, Environment-cum-  
Special Secretary to Government

To

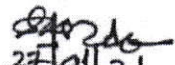
The Member Secretary,  
State Pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Sub: Proceedings of 3<sup>rd</sup> Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) meeting held on 20.01.2021.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to your Letter No. 1017 dated 22.01.2021 on the subject cited above, I am directed to enclose herewith the original copy of the proceedings of 3rd Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) meeting duly approved by the Additional Chief Secretary, F&E Department for taking further necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,

  
27/01/21  
Director, Environment-cum-  
Special Secretary to Government

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## **Proceedings of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC)**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) was held on 20.01.2021 at 11.00 A.M under the Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary, F & E Department, Govt. of Odisha through virtual mode. The list of participants present in the meeting is enclosed as **Annexure-1**.

Initiating the discussion, Additional Chief Secretary, F & E Department welcomed all the participants and emphasized the importance of implementing the various action plans for air pollution control, particularly in the non-attainment cities of Odisha. The Member Secretary, SPC Board was requested to proceed as per the agenda. A power point presentation was made by the Member Secretary on each agenda item and the following decisions were taken.

### **1. Compliance of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC)**

The committee noted the compliance 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of AQMC. The Addl. Chief Secretary, F & E Department noted that the implementation of activities have been delayed mostly due to restrictions imposed due to COVID-19 pandemic. ACS, F & E Department therefore, suggested that the targets be revised for each activity so as to complete them as soon as possible.

### **2. Project implementation status under National Clean Air Programme funding**

The State Pollution Control Board is installing Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMS) and Municipal Corporations of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack city are procuring mechanical street sweeper and are taking up the greening and paving activity under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) funding. The committee noted that, the implementation of these projects by State Pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation and Cuttack Municipal Corporation have been delayed because of restriction in movement imposed during Covid-19 pandemic.

. The Member Secretary, SPC Board informed that the tenders for procurement of CAAQMS will be finalized by February, 2021 and the installation of equipment of CAAQMS will be completed within six months after placement of order.

The Director, Municipal Administration intimated that the procurement process for Mechanical Street Sweeper and greening and paving activities of



both the cities of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack have been initiated and will be completed within a month. The ACS, F & E Department directed the State Pollution Control Board and Director, Municipal Administration to stick to the respective time limits in implementing the projects.

### **3. Research programme and capacity building projects under the NCAP programme**

The Member Secretary apprised the committee that the IIT, Bhubaneswar has been identified as Technical Knowledge Partner (TKP) by MoEF& CC and a tripartite MOU has been signed among IIT, Bhubaneswar, MoEF& CC and State Pollution Control Board, Odisha. The Technical Knowledge Partner, IIT, Bhubaneswar has taken up a project on development of high resolution PM<sub>2.5</sub> mapping using the satellite derived aerosol optical depth, over non-attainment cities in Odisha.

Member Secretary apprised that, the activities of the project could not be completed within the stipulated time due to Covid-19 restrictions and IIT, Bhubaneswar has requested for nine months additional time for completing of the project. Appreciating the development despite Covid-19 restriction, the proposal for extension of time was agreed to. State Pollution Control Board was advised to discuss with IIT, Bhubaneswar to revise the time schedule and develop a month wise breakup of the research activity for regular interaction with the institute.

ACS, F & E Department also suggested that, State Pollution Control Board should discuss with IIT, Bhubaneswar regarding the study of air quality forecasting model (The Second Research Project).

### **4. Preparation of five year plan for the non-attainment cities**

The committee noted that the National Clean Air Programme is proposed to be extended for further period of time and is now being monitored by the PMO as a National Clean Air Mission. In this context, the MoEF & CC requested all the States to prepare a five year financial plan for improvement in air quality in the non-attainment cities. The Member Secretary presented a draft five-year financial plan 2021-2026 prepared by SPCB

ACS, F & E Department suggested that SPCB may forward the report to all the members of the Air Quality Monitoring Committee so that additional input, if any, can be given by the key related departments for inclusion. She however emphasized that, since these plans has to be submitted to the Govt. of India in a time bound manner, the suggestions or comments for revision of the five year plan may be communicated to SPCB within a fortnight



**5. Compliance with the order dated 21.08.2020 by the Hon'ble NGT in the matter of OA No.681/2018**

The Member Secretary presented the status of compliance with respect to direction of Honble NGT in this case and following decisions were taken.

- i. In the matter of installation of CAAQMS by the State Pollution Control Board ACS, F & E Department advised that, the tender evaluation process for this CAAQMS be completed by February, 2021 and installation be completed six months thereafter.
- ii. In the matter of source apportionment study and carrying capacity study the committee noted that the progress the Source Apportionment Study being conducted by ARAI, Pune is behind the schedule. ACS, F & E Department directed that the study schedule be revised and the study be completed within a definite time frame as agreed between ARAI, Pune and State Pollution Control Board.

Member secretary informed that there is no response from the IITs to carry out the carrying capacity study for the non-attainment cities. It was decided that, the State Pollution Control Board shall contact with other states and find out the agencies who are carrying this out, to formulate further course of action.
- iii. In the matter of identifying non-conforming polluting activities, the State Pollution Control Board presented that the identification of polluting industries within the residential areas have started and as such as a matter of policy SPCB do not allow any polluting units in the residential limit of cities.
- iv. The committee noted that, the State Pollution Control Board has developed a public grievance redressal portal, but it has not been acted upon since other concerned departments have not been sensitised regarding this portal. The Director, Municipal Administration suggested H & UD Department has a similar portal in the name of "Swachha Sahar". It was decided that let it be jointly examined by SPCB and H&UD Department if these two portals can be integrated.
- v. The committee noted that the action plan for Kalinga Nagar which appeared in the subsequent list of non-attainment cities have been prepared and approval has been obtained from Central Pollution Control Board in this regard.
- vi. The committee noted that, Hon'ble NGT have directed to execute action plans on control of stubble burning, bursting polluting and noise generated fire crackers. It was presented that Govt. of Odisha has prohibited sale and use of fire crackers in all parts of the State from 10<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. In the



matter of stubble burning, the Chief Engineer, Agriculture Department, Govt. of Odisha intimated that few incidents of stubble burning in Bargarh district have been observed. He further submitted that the Agriculture Department has taken several measures to dis-incentivize stubble burning. The ACS, F & E Department requested Agriculture Department to prepare the status report on stubble burning and forward it to State Pollution Control Board for further action.

- vii. In the matter of preparing a micro level action plan, the Member Secretary presented that, the city wise priority action plan has been prepared as discussed in review meeting taken by the ACS, F & E Department on 08.09.2020. Member Secretary was advised to take immediate steps for holding of collector level committee meetings for the implementation and review of these city wise action plan
- viii. Regarding compliance of the direction with respect to control of noise pollution, the committee noted that Central Pollution Control Board have identified certain gaps in the information furnished by the Home Department. The State Pollution Control Board has requested the Home Department to provide the remaining information as indicated by the Central Pollution Control Board. It was decided to include a representative of Home Dept in this committee
- ix. Director, Environment-cum-Special Secretary, F & E Department was advised to make a reference from govt to Home Department indicating the action to be taken by them as per the order of NGT
- x. The Member Secretary presented that, the Air Pollution Emergency Response Plan (APERP) have been prepared by the State Pollution Control Board for seven non-attainment cities and have been communicated to all concerned for its application. It was decided that, district level sensitisation may be taken up by the Regional Officers of SPCB in this regard.

The Additional Chief Secretary, Forest & Environment Department stressed that the monitoring and supervision has to be in place for successful implementation of NCAP. She observed that there is a need to activate the District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC) in all the NACs and suggested the concerned Regional Officers of the State Pollution Control Board shall play more active role by convening the DLMC meetings on monthly basis to monitor progress on priority action plan.

In response, the Director, Municipal Administration intimated that the H & U.D. Department in association with the District Collector is holding a "Swaschha Charchaa Divas" on 20<sup>th</sup> of every month to discuss various sanitation issues of the cities. ACS suggested that officials of Regional Offices of the State Pollution Control Board should participate in this

“*Swaschha Charcha Divas*” to discuss on air pollution issues. SPCB should take follow up action in coordination with H&UD department

Director of Municipal Administration informed that sanitation experts have been appointed in all urban bodies by the Department to oversee sanitation activities ACS, F & E Department directed that, the pollution Control Board Scientists may impart training to the sanitation experts on air pollution issues. The SPCB may co-ordinate with H & U.D Department and conduct the training program preferably within 15 days.

ACS further suggested that the State Pollution Control Board should take up IEC campaign for public awareness in the matter of air pollution.

#### **6. Implementing monitoring program of air quality in all District Head Quarters as per NGT Order**

Hon'ble NGT in the matter of OA No.249/2020 in its order dated 01.12.2020 directed to conduct air quality monitoring in all the District Head Quarters by utilizing the consent fund and EC fund available with the SPCB. ACS, F & E Department directed SPCB to formulate a plan for operationalizing a monitoring network for all the District Head Quarters at the earliest and to share the results of air quality in the “*Swaschha Charcha Divas*” being organized by the H & U.D Department and District Administration.

#### **7. Status of noise monitoring in non-attainment cities as per the order of Hon'ble NGT(O.A No.681/2018)**

The committee noted that in the matter of compliance with the issues association with the noise pollution matter of OA No.681/2018, the CPCB has identified certain gaps. Hon'ble NGT has directed that the gaps be addressed and communicated to CPCB. Member Secretary informed that Home Department has been requested to give the information for the the identified gaps.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.



**(DR.MONA SHARMA)**

Additional Chief Secretary to Government  
Forest & Environment Department