

## **Proceedings of the 10<sup>th</sup> State Level Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC)**

**Meeting held on Dt. 22.08.2025 at 5:00 PM**

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The 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of State Level Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) was held on 22.08.2025 at 5:00 PM under the chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), FE&CC Department, Govt. of Odisha, in virtual mode. The list of participants present in the meeting is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

Initiating the discussion, Smt. Uma Nanduri, Member Secretary, SPCB, Odisha welcomed all the members of the AQMC meeting and the representatives of the seven non-attainment cities, who attended the meeting online. She briefed about the agenda of the meeting and deliberated on the points like approval of self-assessment scores under Swachh Vayu Survekshan, approval of revised State Action Plan, financial and physical progress of NCAP and convergence funds, and budget of State Clean Air Programme (SCAP). A presentation was made by the Member Secretary on the agenda items and the following decisions were taken.

### **1. Compliance with Proceedings of 9<sup>th</sup> AQMC Meeting**

The committee noted the compliance.

The ACS, FE&CC Department and chairman of the AQMC directed Addl. District Magistrate, Jajpur to take up the matter of low fund utilization (66%) with Vyasaganagar Municipality and to utilise the funds at the earliest.

### **2. Revised Guidelines on Implementation of NCAP**

MoEF&CC has given certain new guidelines (Pre-qualification based and Reform based), as pre-requisite for release of funds during 2025-06. Those were discussed in detail, and it was decided that

- a) Director (Env.) cum Special Secretary to Government shall take up the matter of "Adoption of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 2024" in the upcoming assembly session in September 2025.
- b) Second week of September (8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September) shall be celebrated every year for creating awareness and no tolerance to air pollution. SPCB will take up the matter with H&UD department for government notification on declaration of no tolerance week for air pollution.
- c) All the ULBs shall be registered in the EPR portal of CPCB at the earliest. SPCB will take up the matter with H&UD department.

### **3. Establishment of C&D Waste Processing plants**

H&UD department shall initiate for establishment of one large C&D waste processing plant for Cuttack and Bhubaneswar. Smaller cities shall combine and see the feasibility of establishing such plants.

### **4. Expenditure of NCAP funds**

- a) The non-attainment cities shall utilise NCAP funds of 2024-25 and 2025-26 in specified five activities only. These activities are (i) reduction of road dust, (ii) miyawaki plantation, (iii) traffic congestion improvement, (iv) use of cleaner fuel in crematoriums and (v) public awareness through MyBharat programme.
- b) It was decided to develop cycle track and footpath in the industrial areas of these cities by using NCAP funds and also by convergence of other available funds. Miyawaki plantation shall be done in all the non-attainment cities.
- c) All the collectors and commissioners/executive officers shall use DMF/CSR/other funds in the said five activities and improve the air quality.

### **5. Air quality status of non-attainment cities**

The committee observed that air quality has deteriorated in Angul, Talcher, Kalinganagar, Rourkela and Balasore in comparison to the base year of 2019-20. ACS, FE&CC Dept., expressed his deep concern about the deteriorating air quality in these industrial areas and directed the cities to take all possible corrective actions through NCAP fund, DMF fund and other available funds. It was also directed that industrial houses should take up air quality improvement works in these cities.

### **6. Approval of Self-score under Swachh Vayu Survekshan: FY 2024-25**

Self-scores under swachh vayu sarvekshan- 2025 submitted by cities and already uploaded in PRANA portal was approved by the committee. (Post facto approval)

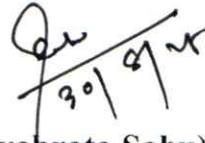
### **7. Approval of Revised State Action Plan**

State Action Plan (SAP) for improvement of air quality has been revised as per the new guidelines of CPCB. The draft action plan was submitted to AQMC members for review. After a detailed discussion, the committee approved the revised State Action Plan (SAP) for submission to CPCB.

## 8. Highlights of State Clean Air Programme (SCAP)

SCAP has been launched in Odisha on 05.06.2025 for improvement of air quality in 12 cities in Odisha, namely Barbil, Berhampur, Belpahar, Bonai, Brajaraj Nagar, Jharsuguda, Joda, Keonjhar, Paradeep, Puri, Rajgangpur, and Sambalpur. under the State Clean Air Programme (SCAP). FE&CC department has been requested for sanctioning budget of Rs 150 crores to be spent in five years. It was decided that Director, Env.-cum-special secretary shall take up the matter with Finance Department for early approval of the budget.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



(Shri Satyabrata Sahu)

**Additional Chief Secretary to Government**

**Forest, Environment & Climate Change Dept.**

## Annexure-I

### Officers Participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC)

1. Shri Satyabrata Sahu, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary, FE &CC Dept., Odisha
2. Smt. Uma Nanduri, IFS, Member Secretary, SPCB, Odisha
3. Shri Suryawanshi Mayur Vikas, IAS, Collector & DM, Balasore
4. Dr. Subhankar Mohapatra, IAS, Collector & DM, Sundargarh
5. Shri K. S. Pradeep, IFS, Director, Env-cum-Special Secretary, FE&CC Dept., Odisha
6. Ms. Dheenah Dastageer, IAS, Commissioner, Rourkela Municipal Corporation
7. Shri Dipti Ranjan Patra, Additional Commissioner, STA
8. Shri Judhithir Naik, ADM, Jajpur
9. Shri Pratap Pritimaya, ADM, Angul
10. Shri N. Ganesh Babu, Dy. Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation
11. Shri Pradeep Kumar Padhi, Executive Officer, Vyasaganar Municipality
12. Shri Simanchala Mishra, Municipal Engineer, Balasore Municipality
13. Shri Chitta Ranjan Swain, AEE, Cuttack Municipal Corporation
14. Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick, RO, SPCB, Rourkela
15. Dr. Nihar Ranjan Sahoo, CEE, SPCB, Odisha
16. Er. Dillip Kumar Dash, SEE, SPCB, Odisha
17. Dr. Lipika Kalo, AEE, SPCB, Odisha
18. Shri Manish Kumar Singh, Consultant-B, CPCB
19. Shri Sulok Ranjan, Consultant-B, CPCB
20. Dr. Girija Shankar Mishra, Consultant-B, CPCB
21. Dr. Rashmi Ranjan Behera, RA, NCAP
22. Ms. Situparna Behera, RA, NCAP

