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FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

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Proceedings of 2nd Steering Committee Meeting held on 24.01.2022, 11 A.M.
under Chairmanship of Chief Secretary on National Clean Air Program
(NCAP) regarding implementation and tackling of air pollution problems in
the seven non-attainment cities of State of Odisha

The 2nd Meeting of Steering Committee constituted for implementation and tackling of air pollution in the State under National Clean Air Program (NCAP) was held on Dt. 24.01.2022 at 11.00 A.M through online VC mode on Microsoft Teams under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Odisha. The List of the participants is attached as Annexure-I.

The Director, Environment-cum-Special Secretary, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Govt. of Odisha, Member Convener of the Committee welcomed all the members of the committee. He informed that this meeting was conducted after its first meeting held on 12.07.2019 due to pandemic situation. However, there has been lot of process on implementation of project objectives of NCAP in the State. He then requested Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha to make a presentation on status of the NCAP project and its progression towards implementation of various activities taken up over the period.

The Member Secretary, SPC Board, Odisha made a detailed presentation and the outline of his presentation was as follows.

1. Compliance with the decision of last Steering Committee Meeting.
2. Background of NCAP
3. Air Quality Status of Non-Attainment Cities in Odisha.
4. Progress on Action Plan Implementation.
5. Inter-Departmental Co-ordination for NCAP implementation.
6. Financial Progress of NCAP
7. Way forward for clean air in Non-Attainment Cities.

Member Secretary, SPCB informed all the members on the background of the National Clean Air Program and implementation strategy in the State. Based on the air quality, 132 cities in the country have designated as Non-Attainment Cities, out of which, seven are in Odisha. The Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change and the State Pollution Control Board have prepared a consolidated action plan for each city which are

being implemented by different Stakeholder Departments. For implementing these action plans financial supports are also being made by the Govt. of India. In order to carry out various activities under the National Clean Air Program, the Nodal Officers have been nominated from the State Pollution Control Board and respective Urban Local Bodies.

Technical supports are being provided by the National Knowledge Network (NKN) under the leadership of IIT, Kanpur. In this respect, State Pollution Control Board is signed a MoU with IIT, Bhubaneswar as a local knowledge partner. In order to provide knowledge support, Institute of Repute, such as, IIT, Bhubaneswar, NIT, Rourkela and Utkal University have been identified and MoUs have been signed between these IORs, State Pollution Control Board and respective ULBs. The financial progress of the NCAP fund is presented as following:

Financial Status of NCAP

City	Fund Recd. (Cr.)	Actual Spending (Cr.)	Admn. Exp. (cr.)	Adjustment (cr.)	Committed Exp. By Mar.22 (Cr.)	Exp by June, 22 (Cr.)	Total up to June, 22 (Cr.)	Balance (cr.)
ANG	0.74	0.03	0.04	0.19	0.30		0.56	0.18
BLS	0.82	0.06	0.04		0.30	0.90	1.30	-0.48
BBS	3.60	2.06	0.18			0.90	3.14	0.46
CTC	5.82	1.38	0.29			0.90	2.57	3.25
KNG	3.00	0.00	0.15	0.20	0.30	0.90	1.55	1.45
RKL	1.20	0.06	0.06	0.25	0.30		0.67	0.53
TLR	9.68	0.03	0.03	0.17	0.30		0.53	0.15
Total	15.86	3.62	0.79	0.81	1.50	3.60	10.32	5.54

(Amount: Rs. in Crore)

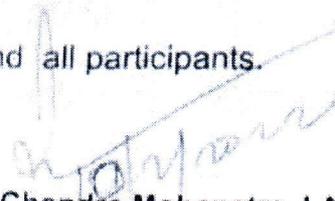
During the presentation there was detailed deliberation on each slide among the participants. After threadbare discussions following decisions were taken.

1. The Chief Secretary, Odisha emphasized on timely completion of various study reports. In the matter of Source Apportionment Study, the Chief Secretary desired

- that, the interim report should be sought from ARAI, so that proper action plan can be formulated. Similarly, in case of study by IOR, he emphasized that the State Pollution Control Board should follow up with the IOR for early submission of report.
2. The Chief Secretary, Odisha further emphasized that the performance credibility expertise manpower deployed by the respective IOR should be reviewed by the Board from time to time.
 3. The Chief Secretary suggested that, the Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department, and the Secretary, Works Department, Govt. of Odisha should also be included with the State Level Steering Committee. It was further intimated that they have been included as the member of the Steering Committee as notified by the Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Odisha.
 4. It was also suggested that, the Urban Local Bodies, RTOs, Joint Director or Deputy Director of Mines, also be included in the District Level Monitoring Committee since they are from the key Stakeholder Departments as far as air pollution is concerned.
 5. It was intimated by the Member Secretary that, proposals for Mechanical Street Sweeper and Fog Cannon have been received from the Municipalities of Angul, Talcher, Rourkela, Vyas Nagar and Balasore. After these proposals will be placed before the Air Quality Monitoring Committee under the chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary, Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Odisha, the funds can be transferred to the respective ULBs. However, **the Chief Secretary, Odisha given in-principle approval to initiate procurement of equipment's and service to save time.**
 6. The Chief Secretary emphasized on field visits by the District Level Committee to find out city specific source of air pollution such as use of coal in Dhabas, crop burning & traffic congestion areas etc.
 7. ACS F&E observed that the ULBs need to take the initiative and need to be strengthened accordingly with requisite expert manpower to facilitate and streamline the implementation of prog. Principal Secretary, H&UD suggested to provide the expert resource to ULB from project funds which was agreed to be examined as per scheme guidelines by MS, SPCB.
 8. It was also decided that, in case the NCAP fund is not adequate, funds through other sources like OMBADC and DMF can be mobilized.
 9. In the matter of signing MOUs between the ULBs, SPCB and CPCB the matter may be expedited by the Board for early submission to Central Pollution Control Board for further funds from the Central Government.
 10. It was intimated by the Member Secretary that, the Nodal Officers have been designated by all the ULBs in the Non-Attainment Cities. Further, the Chief Secretary suggested that, Field Level Experts may be deployed by the State Pollution Control Board in each of these ULBs and Head Office of State Pollution Control Board who can lead the ULBs as Air Quality Management Leaders. The Chief Secretary suggested to explore if these manpower can be supported through NCAP Fund.
 11. It was decided that, the State Level Steering Committee shall hold review meeting

on every six months to evaluate the progress for NCAP implementation.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair and all participants.



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CHIEF SECRETARY

Government of Odisha