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Proceedings of the 5th State Level Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC), on Dt. 09-11-2022 at 03.30 PM

The 5th meeting of State level Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) was held on 09.11.2022 at 3.30 PM under the Chairpersonship of Additional Chief Secretary, FE & CC Department, Govt. of Odisha through virtual mode. The list of participants present in the meeting is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

Initiating the discussion, Additional Chief Secretary, FE & CC Department welcomed all the participants and briefed about the non-attainment cities of Odisha and National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) to the new members present in the meeting. The Member Secretary, SPCB, Odisha was requested to proceed as per the Agenda. A Power Point Presentation was made by the Member Secretary on each Agenda Item and following decisions were taken accordingly.

1. Compliance to the 4th meeting of the Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC)

The Committee noted the compliance of 4th meeting of the AQMC and recommended to take the following follow up actions:

- i. The committee decided to finalise the interim report of "Emission Inventory and source Apportionment study" of Rourkela and Kalinganagar and advised the Board to circulate the reports to the Members of the AQMC Committee, ULBs and IoRs.
- ii. The committee noted that the Carrying Capacity Study Report of Rourkela has been finalised. Additional Chief Secretary suggested that the report on "Carrying capacity study of Rourkela" shall also be shared with the District Administration and stakeholder departments of Rourkela.
- iii. The committee noted that ambient air quality (AAQ) monitoring is presently carried out in all the District headquarters of the State with a frequency of once in a month. SPCB shall examine to expand its monitoring network and increase the frequency of monitoring, which may be carried out by engaging outside agency.

2. Regarding approval of Ranking of cities by AQMC committee of self-assessment reports submitted by ULBs

The committee approved the self-scores of all the 7 non-attainment cities in connection with city ranking system developed in Swatchha Vayu Sarvekhyan programme under NCAP.

Additional Chief Secretary and Chairman of AQMC agreed to approve the rankings in PRANA portal. It was also suggested to identify the cause of gaps in self-scoring among the cities and to expedite lacking action plans for further improving the air quality of cities in future.

3. Regarding Air Quality Status of 7 Non-Attainment Cities

The committee observed that the air quality of Angul and Kalinganagar in 2021-22 has further deteriorated in comparison to that of 2019-20. It was therefore suggested to assess the reasons behind such increase and involve all the stakeholders for taking up actions for improving the air quality.

4. Status of Annual action plan of 2021-22 and 2022-23 and financial progress

The committee decided to hold a stakeholder review meeting by the Member Secretary, SPCB, Odisha with the Commissioners/ District Magistrates/ Executive Officers of 7 cities. The matter of finalising annual action plans and their approval by District level monitoring committee (DLMC)/ City level AQMC shall be discussed. Additionally, utilisation of NCAP funds by ULBs and submission of utilisation certificates (UC) shall also be discussed and problems if any shall be resolved. All the ULBs shall submit/upload annual action plans in PRANA portal within the timelines of MoEF & CC/CPCB every year.

5. Public awareness and outreach programme activities under NCAP

Various actions taken up by SPCB for public awareness were discussed and the committee appreciated the awareness programmes initiated by the SPCB. All the four 1 minute video spots prepared by SPCB were presented before the committee. After watching the video clips, the committee suggested that the clips may be telecast in TV channels and cinema halls following the procedures specified by I&PR Department. The Committee further suggested that the H&UD department can also share inputs to SPCB to carry out the public awareness and outreach programme activities under NCAP.

At the end of the meeting, the committee proposed that all the stakeholder departments shall make presentations in the next Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) meeting regarding the steps taken by them towards improving Air Quality. The presentations shall highlight general policies, actions taken and timeline for completion of the activities.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



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Officers Participated in the 5th Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC)

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2. Dr. K. Murugesan, IFS, Director of Environment cum Special Secretary FE&CC Dept & Member Secretary SPCB Odisha
3. Sri Sanjeeb Panda, IPS, Transport Commissioner, Odisha
4. Md Sadique Alam, IAS, Director of Industries, Odisha
5. Dr. Nihar Ranjan Sahoo, CEE, Nodal officer NCAP
6. Mr. Naga Prashanth, Consultant B, CPCB