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Proceedings of the 6th State Level Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) Meeting held on Dt. 21-04-2023 at 03.30 PM

The 6th meeting of State level Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) was held on 21.04.2023 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 National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) and the activities taken up in the seven non-attainment cities of Odisha. He appraised about the initiatives taken by SPCB for implementation of various action plans framed under NCAP for improving the air quality in these cities.

Member Secretary, SPCB, Odisha briefed about the agenda of the meeting and stressed upon submission of utilisation certificates by ULBs so that allocation of further funding is not stopped. A presentation was made by Dr. N.R. Sahoo, Chief Environmental Engineer on the agenda items. Key points of the presentation are as follows.

- Target date for submission of annual action plans for 2023-24 by the ULBs and their uploading in PRANA portal is 15th of April every year. Except Balasore and Kalinganagar, annual action plans from other non-attainment cities are awaited.
- Physical and financial progress of all the cities was reviewed. It was noted that out of the total funding provided by MoEF&CC, Government of India, only 49% has been utilised so far.
- It was placed before the committee that unless utilisation certificates (UC) for 100 % of the funding provided till 2021-22 and 75% of the funding made in 2022-23 is submitted, further funding will be stopped.
- Final scores for the non-attainment cities on Swatchh Vayu Sarvekshan City ranking system for 2022-23 were Rourkela-165, Kalinganagar-157.7, Cuttack- 152, Bhubaneswar-151.6, Angul- 148.7, Talcher- 136, Balasore-117.5, out of total score of 200. And none of the cities got prizes in 2022-23. Portal for Swatchh Vayu Sarvekshan for ranking of cities for 2023-24 will be opened by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) by 15th May 2023. All the non-attainment cities have to participate in the completion by uploading required



information in PRANA portal. The winners will be declared and cash prizes will be distributed on the next International day for clean air for blue skies, i.e. 07.09.2024.

- Hot spot action plans have been prepared for 23 areas based on a study made by IIT Bhubaneswar on "High resolution satellite mapping for particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) hotspots over non-attainment cities of Odisha". These action plans are being approved by District level monitoring committees (DLMC).
- Ekamra Kshetra area of Bhubaneswar is being developed as a low emission zone in collaboration with GIZ, Germany and IPE Global. Based on its success, the same can be extended to other parts of Bhubaneswar.
- As directed by the Hon'ble national Green Tribunal (NGT), a State Action Plan is being prepared by SPCB, Odisha in association with Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), New Delhi. This action plan is prepared on the basis of a template suggested by the Central Pollution Control board (CPCB) and in consultation with stakeholder departments.
- Government of India has launched Mission LiFE with an objective to improve environment by behavioural changes. In this connection it is mandated to create awareness among 100 crore Indians in City and Panchayat levels.

After the presentation, deliberations were made among the members of the committee about the actions taken up by respective departments under NCAP. Provision of mechanical road sweeping machines, development of greeneries, and creation of Smruti Vans were stressed upon by H&UD department. Promotion of EV, subsidies for EV and vehicle scrapping policy of the state were discussed. The member from industries department stated about their policies for reducing pollution in industrial areas.

After the deliberations, following decisions were taken.

1. H&UD department will take up with all the ULBs for submission of UCs at minimum possible time. The administrative issue raised for Talcher municipality in submission of UC shall be resolved.
2. The stakeholder departments like Urban Local Bodies (ULB), Industry department, State Transport Authority shall provide required information and data at the earliest for preparation of Annual action plans for 2023-24.
3. The hot spot action plans prepared for 23 hot spots in seven non-attainment cities shall be approved by DLMCs.
4. The committee in principle approved the State Action plan prepared by SPCB. The Members of the committee were requested to furnish their final comments on the draft plan by 24.03.2023 for finalisation of the Plan.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.


7/9/5/23.

(Shri. Satyabrata Sahu)
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Officers Participated in the 6th Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC)

1. Shri Satyabrata Sahu, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary, FE&CC Dept., Odisha
2. Dr. K. Murugesan, IFS, Director of Environment cum Special Secretary, FE&CC Dept. & Member Secretary, SPCB, Odisha
3. Sri Binay Kumar Dash, OAS, Additional Secretary of H & UD Dept., Odisha
4. Sri P.P. Chaudhury, Joint Director of Industries, Odisha
5. Sri Sanjay Kumar Biswal, Joint Transport Commissioner, STA, Odisha
6. Chief Engineer, Agriculture Dept., Odisha
7. Dr. Nihar Ranjan Sahoo, Chief Environmental Engineer, OSPCCB
8. Sri Dillip Kumar Dash, Sr. Env. Engineer, OSPCCB
9. Mr. Naga Prashanth, Consultant B, CPCB