

**Proceedings of the 7<sup>th</sup> State Level Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC)**  
**Meeting held on Dt. 05.08.2023 at 3:30 PM**

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The 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of State Level Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) was held on 05.08.2023 at 3:30 PM under the chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary, FE&CC Department, Govt. of Odisha through hybrid 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 Program (NCAP) and Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan, an initiative by Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India to rank cities based on air quality.

Member Secretary, SPCB Odisha briefed about the agenda of the meeting and stressed upon submission of Annual action plans 2023-24 and submission of utilization certificates by ULBs against the funding made up to 2022-23 to ensure uninterrupted funding in future. A presentation was made by Dr. N. R. Sahoo, Chief Environmental Engineer on the agenda items. Key points of the presentation are as follows:

- Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan is an initiative by MoEF&CC, Government of India to rank cities based on their air quality and implemented activities approved under city action plans. Self-assessment reports and self-scores uploaded by PRANA is submitted to CPCB after approval by the Chairman, State Level Air Quality Monitoring Committee. Final scores and ranking is made by CPCB after validation of the self-assessment reports. Better performing cities i.e., top 3 cities in each category (based on population) are awarded by the MoEF&CC with cash prize, trophy, and certificate under National Mission for Clean Air on 7th September every year, i.e., on “International day of Clean Air for Blue skies”.
- Physical and financial progresses of all cities were reviewed. It was noted that out of the total funding of Rs. 54.38 Cr provided by MoEF&CC, Government of India, only Rs. 32.28 Cr (i.e., 59%) has been utilized so far.
- It was proposed for restructuring the DLMCs of cities under Municipal Corporations for faster decision making so that utilization of NCAP fund is



hastened. Engagement of Exclusive officers under the Nodal officers for NCAP work was also proposed in all ULBs.

**After the deliberations, following decisions were taken:**

1. The Committee approved the self-scores of all the 7 non-attainment cities under city ranking system of NCAP. Additional Chief Secretary and Chairman of AQMC agreed to approve the rankings in PRANA portal. It was also suggested to identify the gaps in self-scoring among the cities and to expedite implementation of action plans for further improvement of air quality of cities in future.
2. The Chairmen, DLMC of 4 cities i.e., Kalinga Nagar, Cuttack, Balasore, and Talcher shall take up with all ULBs for submission of UC at minimum possible time.
3. The stakeholder departments like ULBs, RTO and SPCB shall provide required information and revised data for preparation of Annual action plan for 2023-24 within one week for their approval by the respective DLMC.
4. The proposal of restructuring the DLMCs of Municipal Corporations shall be reviewed in the FE&CC Department and decision will be taken accordingly. Till then, the existing DLMC shall be functioning as these are.
5. The nodal officers nominated under NCAP in all the municipalities and corporations shall take up NCAP work in preference, in consultation with the executive officers/Commissioners/DLMC Chairmen and they will be responsible for executing action plans and fund utilization under NCAP.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



**(Shri Satyabrata Sahu)**  
**Additional Chief Secretary to Government**  
**Forest, Environment & Climate Change Dept.**

**Officers Participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> 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. Shri Nikhil Pavan Kalyan, IAS, Commissioner, Cuttack Municipal Corporation, Odisha
4. Ms. Sanjibeeta Ray, Additional Commissioner, Cuttack Municipal Corporation, Odisha
5. Shri Suwendu Sahu, OAS, Additional Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, Odisha
6. Dr. Subhankar Mahapatra, IAS, Commissioner Rourkela Municipal Corporation, Odisha
7. Dr. Gavali Parag Harshad, IAS, Administrator Rourkela Municipal Corporation, Odisha
8. Dr. Nihar Ranjan Sahoo, Chief Env. Engineer, SPCB, Odisha
9. Shri Dillip Kumar Dash, Sr. Env. Engineer, SPCB, Odisha
10. Mr. Naga Prashanth, Consultant B, CPCB