

**Proceedings of the 8<sup>th</sup> State Level Air Quality Monitoring Committee  
(AQMC) Meeting held on Dt. 06.07.2024 at 3:30 PM**

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The 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of State Level Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) was held on 06.07.2024 at 3:30 PM under the chairmanship 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, Sri Satyabrata Sahu, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, FE&CC Department, Govt. of Odisha welcomed all the members of the AQMC meeting, all the Chairmen of District Level Monitoring Committees (DLMCs) of the non-attainment cities, the officials of respective Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to the 8<sup>th</sup> State level AQMC meeting. Dr. K. Murugesan, Member Secretary, SPCB, Odisha briefed about the agenda of the meeting and deliberated on the points like Approval of Self scores submitted by ULBs on Swachh Vayu Sarveshan and Preparation of State action plan. A presentation was made by Dr. N. R. Sahoo, Chief Environmental Engineer on the agenda items and the following decisions were taken.

**1. Compliance with proceedings of 7<sup>th</sup> AQMC meeting**

The Committee noted the compliance.

Physical and financial progresses of all cities were reviewed. It was noted that out of the total funding of Rs. 74.60 Cr provided by MoEF&CC, Government of India, only Rs. 65.13 Cr (i.e., 87%) has been utilized so far. While, minimum 75% utilisation is essential for funding of subsequent years, Balasore and Kalinga Nagar have utilised only 54% and 41% respectively.

It was decided by the ACS, FE&CC Department that Member Secretary, SPCB shall take up the matter of low fund utilisation in Balasore Municipality and Vyasaganar Municipality with the Collector, Balasore and Collector, Jajpur respectively. Both the cities shall submit utilisation certificates (UC) in PRANA portal immediately.

**2. Air Quality Status of Non-attainment Cities**

The committee noted that air quality of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack has deteriorated over the years. Further air quality in terms of PM10 and PM2.5 remains above the prescribed standards in all the non-attainment cities.

The ACS, FE&CC department pointed out that improvement in air quality is of utmost significance and directed the cities shall take all possible corrective actions through NCAP fund and all other funds available through convergence.



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All the cities shall plant trees in the current rainy season at the rate of one tree per person as per the national mandate of “one tree for mother”. The saplings shall be made available free of cost by Forest department.

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.

### 3. Approval of Self-Scores under Swachh Vayu Sarveshan

The following self-scores have been uploaded in PRANA portal by the non-attainment cities under Swachh Vayu Sarveshan.

| Sl. No. | City          | Present Self-score<br>FY 2023-24 submitted by ULBs (Out of 200 Marks) |
|---------|---------------|---|
| 1       | Angul         | 191.5   |
| 2       | Balasore      | 185.5   |
| 3       | Bhubaneswar   | 188.2   |
| 4       | Cuttack       | 186.6   |
| 5       | Kalinga Nagar | 190.5   |
| 6       | Rourkela      | 193.0   |
| 7       | Talcher       | 191.3   |

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 approved the rankings online in PRANA portal.

### 4. Preparation of New State Action plan as per the Order of Hon'ble NGT

The committee was of the opinion that State Action Plan (SAP) is an important document for realization air quality goal in long term. The new SAP shall be prepared by engaging any external agency having expertise in the matter. Such agency shall be selected by inviting Expression of Interest from reputed institutions in the country, following due procedure.

### 5. Expansion of CAAQMS network in the State

The committee decided that Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Systems (CAAQMS) shall be installed at all major cities and industrial towns. CAAQMS already installed in industrial townships shall be taken into SPCB's control and same shall be



connected to CCR portal of CPCB for representing air quality of the State. The approved proposal is presented in the following Table.

|   | SPCB CAAQMS | Industrial CAAQMS | Total     |
|---|-------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Existing Monitoring Network             | 18          | 02                | 20        |
| Monitoring Network approved by the AQMC | 08          | 29                | 37        |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>26</b>   | <b>31</b>         | <b>57</b> |

**6. Inclusion of CSIR-IMMT as Institute of Repute (IoR)**

The committee decided to examine the credentials of the Environment department of CSIR-IMMT before including it as an Institute of Repute (IoR) under NCAP.

**7. Restructuring of DLMCs**

The committee decide that the existing DLMCs shall continue to function and there will not be any change in their structure till further order.

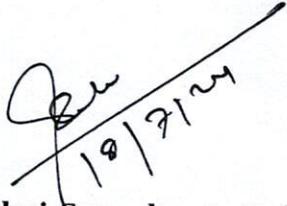
**8. Observation of International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies**

The committee decided that International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies shall be celebrated in all the non-attainment cities and at State level. The dates of various programmes shall be selected following the schedule of next Assembly session. As proposed, a workshop involving the ULBs, Transport department and other stakeholder departments may be held for a day leading to the International day of Clean Air for Blue sky. A bicycle rally, like last year, or any other awareness event as decided by the Member Secretary, SPCB may be conducted by the Board for generating awareness on the day of International day of Clean Air for Blue sky.

**9. Other Items**

SPCB shall provide training to the Nodal officers and other officers dealing with NCAP in the ULBs for effective functioning of NCAP.

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 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. Dr. Gavali Parag Harshad, IAS, Collector, Sundargarh and DLMC Chairman, Rourkela
4. Er Diptiranjana Patra, Addl. Commissioner, State Transport Authority
5. Additional Secretary, Housing and Urban Development
6. Sri Prabhu Prasad Choudhury, Additional Director of Industries
7. Sri Malaya Kumar Dwari, Joint Director of Agriculture
8. Dr. Manoranjan Sahu, OAS, Deputy Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, Odisha
9. Sri Pratap Pritimaya, Additional District Magistrate, Angul
10. Sri Sohan Giri, Regional Officer, SPCB, RO, Bhubaneswar
11. Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick, Regional Officer, SPCB, RO, Rourkela
12. Mrs. Rashmita Priyadarsini, Regional Officer, SPCB, RO Cuttack
13. Dr. Prafulla Kumar Behera, Asst. Env. Scientist, SPCB, RO Angul
14. Dr. Nihar Ranjan Sahoo, Chief Env. Engineer, SPCB, Odisha
15. Dillip Kumar Dash, Senior Environmental Engineer, SPCB, Odisha
16. Dr. Lipika Kalo, Assistant Environmental Engineer, SPCB, Odisha