

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date & Time: 05th August 2021 (11:00 hrs IST)

The following remained present.

- Attendees:
1. Shri E. H. Pathan (Executive Engineer – Drainage Dept, SMC)
 2. Shri Jayesh N. Chauhan (I/C Executive Engineer – Environment Improvement and Protection Cell (Tapi Rejuvenation and Creek Rehabilitation), SMC)
 3. Shri Parag U Dave (Regional Office, Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Surat)
 4. Shri H.D. Patel (Executive Engineer, Irrigation Department, Surat Circle)
 5. Shri Rajnikant Chaudhary (Executive Engineer, Gujarat Water Supply & Sewerage Board, Surat)
 6. Smt. Kalpanaben Chaudhary (Chitnish to Collector shri, Surat)
 7. Shri Yashashvi Bhatt (Deputy Manager (Tech), Gujarat Urban Development Mission, Gandhinagar)
 8. Shri Maulik M. Rao (Deputy Engineer – Environment Improvement and Protection Cell (Tapi Rejuvenation and Creek Rehabilitation), SMC)
 9. Shri Vedant D. Patel (Environment Specialist, Gujrat Urban development Mission, Gandhinagar)
 10. Shri Anand Patel (Deputy Mamlatdar, Collector office)
 11. Shri Amar Chevli (Asst. Engineer, Town Planning Department, SMC)
 12. Shri Trushit Desai (Consultant – SMC / NGT WZ-50/2018)
- No Members from Town Development Department, SMC were present

Location: Committee Room No.2, Annexe Building, Surat Municipal Corporation, Muglisara, Surat

Subject: Hon'ble NGT Order Dated 25/02/2019, 22/02/201, Report of Hon.Justice Shri B.C. Patel in the case of WZ 50/2018 and action plan of compliance plan thereof

- A. In matter of Tapi River pollution etc., Environment Interest Litigation (EIL) was filed by Nav Yuva Sangathan and others vide original application no. 50/2018 (WZ) at National Green Tribunal (NGT), Pune and Hon'ble NGT passed an order on 25th February 2019 in this regard. The Case was disposed on 22/02/2021 with directions thereupon.
- B. In compliance with the order of Hon'ble NGT dated 25th February 2019; para-13, A Committee comprising of Five Members (Representatives of Different Departments & Agencies) was constituted to review and co-ordinate necessary measures, with Surat Municipal Corporation as Nodal agency for compliance and co-ordination. The Committee had completed Eight Committee meetings up to 04th August 2021
- C. Nineth (9th) meeting of The Committee was convened at Committee Room No.2, Annexe Building, Surat Municipal Corporation, Muglisara, Surat at 11.00 AM on 05th August 2021

The following points were discussed during the meeting

1. Mr. E. H. Pathan of SMC welcome the representatives of the Committee Members and explained the proceedings of the aforementioned case and status thereof.
2. Mr. Jayesh Chauhan explained the agenda of the meeting. He also informed the quorum about the report of overseer appointed by Hon'ble NGT, Hon'ble Justice Shri B.C. Patel in the case of 50/2018
3. Mr. Trushit Desai presented the case history, proceedings and observations noted in report prepared by Hon'ble Justice Shri B.C. Patel.
4. Mr. E.H. Pathan of SMC presented the overall status of STPs & SPSs and highlighted the issue of transfer and handing over of land which remain pending till date with different agencies.
5. Mr. P.U. Dave presented water quality monitoring and analysis report till July 2021. He mentioned that all STPs are monitored by GPCB. Mr. P.U. Dave confirmed that GPCB will visit STPs and will check efficacy as pointed in para 93 of Report of Hon'ble Justice Shri B.C. Patel
6. All Committee Members agreed to rationalize the targeted completion date/month keeping in view status as on date
7. Mr E.H. Pathan presented the status update on behalf of Surat Municipal Corporation, on the activities in the jurisdiction of Surat Municipal Corporation, records for which are regularly updated by Surat Municipal Corporation. Mr. E.H. Pathan requested other committee members to compile information and submit updated status report on agenda items under the jurisdiction of other Departments and Agencies
8. Smt. Kalpana R. Chuadhari, Chitnish to the Collector shri, Surat was briefed status of land transfer process for the purpose of construction of STPs and SPSs and issues thereof. She also confirmed to hold a separate meeting for this purpose so that the issue can be put up to The Collector shri, Surat directly to resolve issues and expedite the whole process
9. Mr. E.H. Pathan, Executive Engineer, Surat Municipal Corporation, in continuation to the point raised in previous Committee Meetings, highlighted the necessity of Public Awareness and Public Participation in achieving sustainable outcome. He stated that public awareness is inevitable for maintaining cleanliness in cities and Tapi River. Simultaneously for creating understanding about this program among the public, Public participation /public awareness will be ensuring by maximal use of voluntary organizations as well as publicity media. He informed the Committee Members that a website is specially created for this purpose by SMC and it is updated regularly with fresh information available. He requested other Committee

Members to provide details on IEC activities and programs of respective department which are under the purview of said order of Hon'ble NGT – to be uploaded on Website created for very purpose, in compliance with the directives of Hon'ble NGT

10. Mr. H.D. Patel, Irrigation Department, Surat Circle requested to reconsider the point of Construction of PALAs on river Tapi. He suggested to have a one-to-one departmental meeting with Town Planning & Other Concerned Department of SMC to resolve the issues related to Land acquisition, river boundary issues with Town planning schemes, other issues related to river like construction Waste, illegal encroachments etc. and also stated that they have floated tender for de silting in the upstream of Siganpore Weir of River Tapi , but due to Court matter, an opening of the tender was not Possible therefore canceled the said tenders. Tenders will be re-Invited soon after final decision in this matter by Hon'ble court.
11. Mr. P.U. Dave suggested that all Committee Members must work in active co-ordination with each other so as to achieve target of Pollution Free Tapi River, well ahead of Committed time period to the extent possible.

Meeting was ended with vote of thanks.



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