

10th MINUTES OF MEETING

Date & Time: 17th December 2021 (12:00 hrs IST)

The following remained present.

- Attendees:**
1. Shri Ashish. M. Dube (City Engineer, SMC)
 2. Shri Jayesh N. Chauhan (I/C Executive Engineer – Environment Improvement and Protection Cell, SMC)
 3. Shri H.D. Patel (Executive Engineer, Irrigation Department, Surat Circle)
 4. Shri R. G. Chaudhary (Executive Engineer, Gujarat Water Supply and sewerage Board)
 5. Shri D. A. Shah (Executive Engineer, Surat Urban Development Authority (SUDA))
 6. Shri Maulik M. Rao (Deputy Engineer – Environment Improvement and Protection Cell, SMC)
 7. Shri S. P. Patel (I/C Deputy Town Development Officer, SMC)
 8. Shri Rachita Desai (Deputy Town Planner, Town Development Department, SMC)
 9. Shri H. M. Lokhandwala (Asst. Environment Engineer, Gujarat Pollution Control Board)
 10. Shri U. R. Shah (Asst. Environment Engineer, Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Surat)
 11. Shri R. D. Ganjawala (Asst. Engineer, Drainage Department, SMC)
 12. Shri R. S. Barfiwala (Asst. Engineer, Drainage Department, SMC)
 13. Shri G. P. Khalasi (Asst. Engineer, Drainage Department, SMC)
 14. Shri Vishnu H. Jariwala (Asst. Engineer, Town Development Department, SMC)
- No Members from Gujarat Urban Development Mission (GUDM), Gandhinagar and Collectorate Office, Surat were present

Location: Room No 88, SMC Head Office, 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 Ninth Committee meeting on 5th August 2021.
- C. **Tenth (10th)** meeting of The Committee was convened at Room No.88, SMC Head Office, Surat Municipal Corporation, Muglisara, Surat at 12.00 PM on 17th December 2021.

The following points were discussed during the meeting

1. Mr. Ashish. M. Dube of SMC welcome the representatives of the Committee Members and explained the proceedings of the aforementioned case and status thereof.
2. Mr. Maulik M. Rao of SMC 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. Maulik M. Rao of SMC informed the members of the committee about the letters issued to SMC by CPCB vide their letters dated 10/08/2021, 06/09/2021 and 08/11/2021. The said letters were forwarded to respective members for appropriate actions by respective departments.

CPCB Requested the status and the action taken report in compliance with Hon'ble NGT order Dated. 11.07.2019, with emphasis on Points No. 3, 10, 11 & 12 of the said order from respective agencies and directed SMC to submit details received from respective executive agencies to CPCB.

SMC requested all committee members to submit within one-week details in compliance with letters issued by CPCB for onward submission to CPCB.

4. In continuation to the point raised in previous Committee Meetings, SMC 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.

It was informed to the Committee Members that a website is specially created for this purpose by SMC and it is updated regularly with fresh information available. SMC 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.

5. SMC presented the overall status of STPs & SPSs.
6. Mr. H. M. Lokhandwala of GPCB presented water quality monitoring and analysis report from August 2021 to November 2021. He mentioned that all STPs are monitored by GPCB.
7. Mr. Maulik M. Rao of SMC 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. Maulik M. Rao of SMC requested other

committee members to compile information and submit updated status report on agenda items under the jurisdiction of other Departments and Agencies.

8. Mr. H.D. Patel, Irrigation Department, Surat Circle stated that they have floated tender for de silting in the upstream of Sigapore 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.
9. Mr. R. G. Chaudhary (Executive Engineer, GWSSB) stated that GWSSB will not implement Non-Core Items such as development of riverfront parks, mass plantation, vermi composting, etc.
10. Reference to the Point no. 5 of the third minutes of the meeting Dated. 13.03.2009 of the task force constituted in the matter of flood disaster in Surat, wherein was suggested that the UDD should examine the need for setting up a separate River Regulatory Authority to manage and regulate development in the vulnerable area along the river boundary. It was confirmed by committee members that no such River Regulatory Authority has been constituted by respective departments.

Meeting was ended with vote of thanks.


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