

11 th MINUTES OF MEETING

Hon'ble NGT Case 50/2018 (WZ)

Date & Time: 18th May 2022 (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 D. A. Shah (Executive Engineer, Surat Urban Development Authority (SUDA))
4. Dr. Jignashaben Oza (Regional Officer, Gujarat Pollution Control Board)
5. Shri Maulik M. Rao (Deputy Engineer — Environment Improvement and Protection Cell, SMC)
6. Shri P. B. Tailor (Deputy Engineer — Environment Improvement and Protection Cell, SMC)
7. Shri S. P. Patel (I/C Deputy Town Development Officer, SMC)
8. Smt. Rachita Desai (Deputy Town Planner, Town Planning Department, SMC)
9. Shri P. B. Patel (Assistant Engineer – Tapi Pala Project)
10. Shri D. R. Patel (Asst. Engineer, Drainage Department, SMC)
11. Shri Vishnu H. Jariwala (Asst. Engineer, Town Development Department, SMC)

No Members from Gujarat Urban Development Mission (GUDM, Gandhinagar), GWSSB, Irrigation Department & Collector Office-Surat were not present during the meeting

Location: Law Library, 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 Tenth Committee meeting on 17th December 2021.
- C. Eleventh (11th) meeting of The Committee was convened at Law Library, SMC Head Office, Surat Municipal Corporation, Muglisara, Surat at 12.00 PM on 18th May 2022

The following points were discussed during the meeting,

1. Mr. Ashish. M. Dube of SMC welcomes the representatives of the Committee Members and explained the proceedings of the aforementioned case and status thereof.
2. Mr. Jayesh N Chauhan 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. SMC already 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 earlier.
4. 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.
5. SMC has submitted the information and details received from Committee Members to CPCB on dtd.16/03/2022. Moreover, SMC requested all committee members to submit requested details within a week in compliance with letters issued by CPCB for onward submission to CPCB.
6. SMC presented the overall status of STPs & SPSs.
7. Dr. Jignashaben Oza of GPCB presented water quality monitoring and analysis report from December 2021 to April 2022.
8. Mr P. B. Patel informed Committee Members that Tenders for Dredging were invited and are under scrutiny and assessment.
9. SMC suggested that SUDA should actively follow up with The Collector Office-Surat regarding transfer and possession of Land at Kholeshwar, since it comes under their jurisdiction and ownership. SMC confirmed their support regarding this activity to SUDA.
10. Town Development Department (TDO) of SMC should be submitted the compliance report for the activities under their purview at the earliest.
11. The Committee Members from GWSSB were not present during the meeting. The Committee members present during the Committee Meeting request (through this MoM) GWSSB to submit latest and updated status and information in I&D Activities being carried out by them.

12. In continuation to the point raised in previous Committee Meetings, SMC highlighted the necessity of Public Awareness and Public Participation in achieving sustainable outcome. Public awareness and participation are 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.
13. 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.
14. SMC informed Committee Members that "Tapi Mahotsav" has received very good response from Citizens and large level participation of Citizens to proliferate the awareness about Clean Rivers.
15. SMC requested Committee Members to update the details and information on Compliance and actions taken, pertaining to Hon'ble NGT Case No. 50/2018 and submit the details to SMC within one month.

Meeting was ended with vote of thanks.



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