

Proceeding of the meeting of River Rejuvenation Committee, Bihar dated 27th March, 2019

A comprehensive action plan for restoration and conservation of polluted river stretches in Bihar has been prepared and submitted to Central Pollution Control Board. To review its implementation a meeting was convened under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of Bihar on 27th March, 2019. The meeting was attended by the members of RRC and special invitees from the Department of Water Resources, Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), Minor Irrigation Department & Rural Development Department. After detailed discussion and deliberations, following decisions were taken:

(1) As per the orders of Hon'ble NGT, no industry shall be permitted to extract ground water for industrial and commercial purposes unless it has obtained permission from the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA). However, there is lot of pendency of applications at the Authority level. Awareness also seems to be lacking amongst the general public. Hence following directions were given in this regard:

- (i) Director, CGWB shall dispose of the applications (less than 10 KLD and complete in all respects) within a maximum period of 15 days. In case of any document wanting from the applicant, online clarification shall be raised within a week ;
- (ii) A letter be sent from the State Govt. to Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) requesting early disposal of applications received from the State;
- (iii) Notices to be published in daily Newspapers informing the industries and general public regarding the mandatory provisions of law;
- (iv) Awareness meetings be held by Bihar State Pollution Control Board & Central Ground Water Board with BIA, BCCI and other Industry Associations to make them aware of the mandatory requirements;



- (v) The list of documents necessary for getting approval from the CGWA shall be made available on BSPCB's website and this be also made available to the Industry Associations;
- (2) It was pointed by the Director, CGWB that 102 blocks of the State are now in the semi-critical, critical or over-exploited category. In view of this, there is need for regulating use of ground water for irrigation purposes. Director, CGWB was requested to give a recovery plan and proposed Action Plan for the same.
- (3) Though the State Govt. has notified Ground Water Act for regulating and management of ground water and rain water harvesting structures now form part of the approved building plan, its actual compliance needs to be assessed. Urban Development & Housing Department may seek compliance report from the ULBs in this regard.
- (4) Representative from the Urban Development & Housing Department was asked to submit the latest report concerning the following:
- (i) DPR preparation status regarding setting up of STP at the 5 polluted river stretch location towns of Ruxaul, Narkatiaganj, Ramnagar, Jogbani & Fatuha.
 - (ii) Progress/status of setting up of STP & I & D network in the Ganga frontline towns;
 - (iii) Status of open defecation free endeavour along polluted river stretches;
 - (iv) Status of DPR preparation for Solid Waste Management in the aforesaid 5 location towns.
- (5) Rural Development Department shall also give status report on the success of open defecation free endeavours along these polluted river stretches including the main stem of Ganga.
- (6) Urban Development & Housing Department, Govt of Bihar was to ensure that there shall be no dumping or landfill sites for any kind of waste within 500



meters from the edge of rivers . Also Solid Waste Management be taken up on a priority level along the polluted river stretches.

(7) Water Resources Department shall make arrangements for water flow measurements along Ganga and 5 polluted rivers of the State. It shall also take steps for flood plain zonation in the State.

(8) It was informed by the WRD that the quantum of e-flow decided by GOI after Kanpur is insufficient. It was requested that a protest letter should be sent from the level of Hon'ble CM, Bihar to the GOI for enhancing the quantum of e-flow so that sufficient amount Ganges water is available at the entry point in Bihar, Buxar.

(9) Agriculture Department is requested to share with the committee, progress of drip irrigation and crop diversification in the State.

(10) A letter be issued from the Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of Bihar to all the D.Ms to keep strict eyes over encroachment in flood plains of rivers and also urging them to remove encroachments already done.

(11) Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of Bihar shall take up river-side plantation and development of parks on the flood plain of river Ganga on priority basis in the schemes of the financial year 2019-20 .

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