

**Minutes of meeting of River Rejuvenation Committee held on 01/12/2021 under the chairmanship of the Principal Secretary DoEF&CC, GoB to review the compliances of directions of the Hon'ble NGT in OA no 673/2018.**

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A meeting of the River Rejuvenation Committee was held on 01/12/2021 under the chairmanship of the Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, GoB to review the compliances of directions of the Hon'ble NGT in O.A. no. 673/2018. (Attendance Sheet enclosed).

1. Member Secretary, BSPCB, Patna on behalf of the chair welcomed the participants and presented the current status of compliances of the orders of the Hon'ble NGT in O.A. no. 673/2018 through a power point presentation.
2. During the meeting the Superintending Engineer, WRD informed that a meeting is proposed between NMCG, MoJS and CPCB on 15.12.2021 for discussion on the issues of the river flood plains demarcation & protection in the State of Bihar for regulating activities in Flood Plain Zone in compliance of the order of the Hon'ble NGT in O.A. No. 200/2014.
3. After the detailed discussion, following decisions were taken:-
  - a. There are 52 projects including STP, Sewer Network and Interception and Diversion (I&D) and others being executed under Namami Gange Programme. Among them only 04 projects are completed so far. 22 projects are ongoing, 04 projects are in tender stage, for 05 projects DPRs have been prepared & submitted to NMCG for approval, for 03 projects DPRs prepared & under Scrutiny in BUIDCo, for 11 projects DPRs pending with Consultants and for 03 projects DPRs are to be prepared. Urban Development & Housing Department, GoB was directed to expedite all the concerned projects.

**(Action: UD&HD, GoB.)**
  - b. UD&HD, GoB to prioritize the projects at Harinagar, West Champaran; Narkatiyaganj, West Champaran; Raxaul, East Champaran and Jogbani, Araria. If required the funds from the State shall be utilized for the same.

**(Action: UD&HD, GoB.)**
  - c. There are only 03 new STPs operational at Patna, i.e., Beur STP (43 MLD capacity), Karmalichak STP (37 MLD capacity) and Saidpur STP (60 MLD capacity) with a total capacity of 140 MLD, but the total capacity being utilized by these STPs are 30 MLD (approx. 21%) only. UD&HD, GoB was directed to ensure utilization of maximum capacity

and use treated wastewater through water sprinkling system to suppress the road dust for time-being and for other uses.

The process of submission of DPRs for reuse of treated wastewater shall be expedited.

**(Action: UD&HD, GoB)**

d. BUIDCo shall apply for NOC to Central Ground Water Authority for extraction of ground water for supply to the urban area.

**(Action: UD&HD, GoB, BUIDCo)**

e. Treatment by Bio-remediation of drains was discontinued w.e.f. 18.06.2021 due to heavy rains as per the information shared by UD&HD, GoB., vide letter no.- BGCMS/ 2019/Bio-remediation/25 - 237, dated 18.06.2021. Till date bio-remediation treatment of drains has not been started. A letter in this regard may be sent to the Principal Secretary, UD&HD, GoB. and also regarding higher observed values in drains analysis report.

**(Action: BSPCB)**

f. UD&HD, GoB. shall expedite the identification of land for establishment of biodiversity park in Ganga front towns and submit detailed report to the Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, GoB for implementation.

**(Action: UD&HD, & DoEF&CC, GoB)**

g. Agriculture Department, GoB to provide current status of total drip irrigation coverage area, total sprinkler coverage area and details of crop diversification (district wise) to the BSPCB.

**(Action: Agriculture Dept., GoB.)**

h. PHED, GoB shall provide analysis report of ground water of polluted river stretches on regular basis.

**(Action: PHED, GoB.)**

i. Forest Department shall make available the details of plantation schemes with implementation status along the polluted river stretches in Bihar.

**(Action: DoEF&CC, GoB.)**

j. Industries Department shall carry out inventorisation of industries located along the polluted river stretches in Bihar and submit the inventory to BSPCB.

**(Action: Industry Dept., GoB.)**

k. A fund of Rs. 03 Crore for installation of Online Monitoring System at the outlet of all STPs and development of a Mobile app for its

monitoring, to be provided to BUIDCo by UD&HD, GoB. The UD&HD, GoB. may decide about the source of funding.

(Action: UD&HD, GoB & BUDICo)

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Sd/-  
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Principal Secretary,  
DoEF&CC, GoB.

Patna dated- 15-12-21

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Copy forwarded to all the concerned for information and necessary action.

  
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Member Secretary,  
BSPCB, Patna. 15/12/21