

Proceedings of the meeting held under the Chairpersonship of Smt Keshni Anand Arora, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana at 11:15 Hrs on 30.11.2019 at Haryana Bhawan, New Delhi.

A meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Smt Keshni Anand Arora, IAS, Chief Secretary to Government of Haryana, at 11:15 Hrs on 30.11.2019 at Haryana Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss various issues relating to implementation of directions of Hon'ble Apex Court in CWP No.12930/1985 in the matter of MC Mehta Vs Union of India and Others, management of air pollution in NCR Districts during the pending winter period, status of compliance of Solid Waste Management Rules 2016 in NCR Districts of Haryana and implementation of directions of Hon'ble NGT in some of the important cases pending in the Tribunal. The meeting was attended by ACS (Env), Principal Secretary of ULBD, MS of HSPCB, Divisional Commissioners of Gurugram and Faridabad, DC of Panipat and other senior officers of ULBD, HSPCB and other stakeholder Departments. A brief note on the proceedings of the meeting and decisions taken are as below.

1. A brief discussion was held on the directions of Hon'ble Apex Court in CWP No.12930/1985 (MC Mehta Vs Union of India and others) in which the issues relating to crop residue burning and control of air pollution in NCR Districts and NCT Delhi were dealt elaborately. The participants were apprised of the directions of the Court pertaining to air pollution in NCR Districts of Haryana and the need to address them on priority. Important mitigation measures to be undertaken in the hotspots identified by CPCB (Gurugram Udhog Vihar area, Faridabad 1-DLF Industrial area and Sec 34- and Faridabad 2 - Ballabgarh, Air Force Road, Sector 58, 64 and 50) were discussed at length and Deputy Commissioners concerned were directed to conduct bi-weekly meetings to review the actions taken on these hotspots. It was explained by the HSPCB officers that CPCB has been regularly taking up the samples of pollutants from these areas and they will file their report in Supreme Court in the next hearing (on which date CS of Haryana has been directed to be personally present) and therefore the control measures need to be personally monitored at DC level. HSPCB

officers concerned will take the stock of situation in those hotspots and report to HO, HSPCB and DCs concerned on daily basis, it was decided.

2. CS was further informed that EPCA has further identified 5 places as hotspots (Faridabad, Gurugram, Panipat, Sonapat and Bahadurgarh) and vulnerable hotspots where pollution levels are likely to increase have been identified and action plans have been prepared at District Level. CS directed that these action plans have to be religiously implemented to deal with the hotspots identified.
3. HSPCB informed that directions have already been issued to all other NCR District Administrations also, to identify specific hotspots in their jurisdictions and prepare an action plan to deal with the same. CS directed that all such spots be identified at district level and Deputy Commissioners concerned may implement all measures to address the pollution issues in those areas.
4. Divisional Commissioners and PS, ULBD shall review the progress every week and will send the report to Chief Secretary, it was decided. Action Taken Report in the management of hotspots be submitted by all Deputy Commissioners concerned, latest by 31.12.2019, it was decided. A meeting shall be held by Chief Secretary to review the progress, during the third week of December 2019, it was further decided.
5. Industries Department was advised to ensure that there are no illegal dumping or burning in the industrial areas. Bahadurgarh Municipal Corporation and Industries Department were advised to keep a constant vigil on the waste burning in their jurisdiction as time and again reported by EPCA. Similarly, the Faridabad and Ballabgarh areas should also be monitored regularly for any such garbage dumping and waste burning, it was decided.
6. Deputy Commissioner of Panipat was specifically advised to increase the patrolling activities of the District teams to ensure that there are no dumping done at any part of the District. DC, Panipat assured that she would coordinate the matter with Panchayats as well and ensure the same within a week time.
7. The progress made in implementation of Solid Waste Management Rules 2016, in compliance of directions of Hon'ble NGT in OA No. 606/2018 was

reviewed with reference to important NCR Districts of Haryana. The current status on 18 key parameters of districts Gurugram, Faridabad, Sonapat, Panipat and Rohtak were discussed and it was found that these districts have not made any remarkable improvement than earlier status. Status of 7 Model Towns on all the 18 key parameters was also discussed. It was observed that the districts of Panchkula, Fatehabad and Jind have also not made remarkable progress as targeted.

8. Chief Secretary categorically pointed out that the garbage heaps spread all around in Faridabad area have been creating a negative image among all monitoring agencies and legal forum in NCR. MC Faridabad and HUDA were directed to identify vulnerable points, form a strategy to remove the garbage and to reduce secondary collection points in the city. Principal Secretary, ULBD also added that as per the signed Concession Agreement the concessionaire has to remove those garbage vulnerable points/ secondary collection points. Commissioner, MC Faridabad conveyed that a meeting was chaired by Sh. Anand Mohan Sharan, IAS, the then, PS, ULBD on 21.11.2019, where it was decided that both the Corporations, in coordination with the concessionaire, should finalize a list of existing khattas (say 'X') and the list of unauthorized khattas (say 'Y'). These X-Y=Z khattas are to be closed immediately. Also derive a plan to reduce this 'Z' number in a phased manner so that after the decided duration there will be no open khatta in both the Corporations." It is conveyed that MCG and MCF have finalized and handed over the Khattas to the concessionaire and concessionaire has also started working on it.
9. Thereafter, it was decided that another meeting to review the status of all the districts will be kept on 20th December 2019. It is also advised that ULBs should give more focus towards stopping the burning of solid waste inclusive of plastic waste. Garbage on the roadside should be removed, which is a big eyesore.
10. The progress made in the case of OA 514/2018 (Vivek Kamboj Vs State of Haryana and others) was reviewed by CS. Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Gurugram and Municipal Corporation Faridabad appraised that one trommel has been installed at the site and another one has arrived at the site. They also submitted an action plan showing that 12 trommel

machines will be installed in stages as soon as any land becomes available at site. By this way the treatment of complete legacy waste will take at least two years, but the Hon'ble NGT has allowed a time period of six months for handling the legacy waste and submit progress report as on 15.01.2020 along with future action plan in this regard be submitted by 20th January 2020. The next date of hearing is fixed on 19.02.2020. The directions issued by the Hon'ble Tribunal are very strict and all have to work with full dedication and priority, it was directed. Commissioner, MCF also appraised the chair that teams from MCG have visited Indore and Ahmedabad and team from MCF has visited Delhi. The issue of storage of the processed material was also discussed and it is requested that an additional land is required for storage of the processed material. MC Faridabad is reviewing the options of land availability in their area. PS, ULBD added that the matter related to additional land will be reviewed separately. Good earth/ Soil Enricher that is coming out as a by-product after treatment of legacy waste be stored at the plant for time being and be tested on daily basis. It was also appraised by the PSULB that the treatment of the legacy waste also includes elimination of odor, bird and leachate from the site. The action on all these three aspects be taken and fortnightly reports be submitted with methodology used for each work.

11. The progress made under the Kisan Udhay Samiti was reviewed by CS. District Administration of Sonapat and HSVP were directed to immediately implement the directions issued by Environment Department (which have already been reported by CS in NGT through her affidavit) and send an ATR to the effect within 7 days.
12. The directions of Hon'ble NGT in OA No. 26/2019, in the matter of Abhay Dahiya Vs State of Haryana was discussed at length. Chief Secretary directed the ULBD to formulate a policy for tackling of all such solid and liquid waste scientifically and withdrawal of ground water by all road side restaurants. Chief Secretary directed that the progress will be reviewed in the next meeting to be held on 20.12.2019.