

MINUTES OF MEETING

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

Attendees:

1. Shri Hitendra Suthar (Executive Engineer – TSP Project, SMC)
2. Shri Dharmesh Mistry (I/c. Town Planner ,Town Development Department, SMC)
3. Shri Parag U Dave Regional Office, GPCB Surat)
4. Shri H.D. Patel (Executive Engineer, Irrigation Department, Surat Circle)
- 5 Shri Rajnikant Chaudhary (Executive Engineer, Gujarat Water Supply & Sewerage Board)
6. Smt Kalpanaben Chaudhari (Chitnis to Collector, Surat)
7. Shri Trushit Desai (Consultant – SMC / NGT WZ-50/2018)

-No members from Gujarat Urban Development Mission (GUDM) were present

Location: Room No 88, SMC Head Office, Muglisara, Surat

Subject: Hon'ble NGT Order Dated 21st September, 2020 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 to form a Committee to review and co-ordinate the necessary measures for Tapi Shuddhikaran Project Progress.
- 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 seven Committee meetings till 11th September 2020.

C. Eighth (8th) meeting of the Committee was convened at Room No. 88, SMC Head Office, Muglisara, Surat at 12.00 Hrs on 12th January 2021.

Following representatives of the relevant authorities were present in the meeting,

- (1) Narmada Water Resources, Water Supply and Kalpasar Department ,Gujarat was represented by Mr. H.D. Patel, Executive Engineer, Surat Irrigation Circle .
- (2) Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) was represented by Mr. Parag U. Dave, Regional Officer, Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Surat Regional Office.
- (3) Surat Municipal Corporation was represented by Mr. Hitendra Suthar, Executive Engineer, Tapi Suddhikaran Project (TSP) and Mr. Dharmesh Mistry, I/c. Town Planner, Town Development Department ,Surat Municipal Corporation(SMC).
- (4) The Collectorate , Surat was represented by Mrs. K.R. Chaudhary, Chitnis to Collector

The following points were discussed during the meeting

1. Mr.Hitendra Suthar of SMC welcomed the representatives of the Committee Members and explained the proceedings of the aforementioned case and status thereof. Mr. Hitendra Suthar also explained the agenda of the meeting. SMC informed the quorum that the case no 50/2018 has been transferred to the Principal Bench of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal and has been merged with case no. 673/2018 as per the order of Hon'ble NGT order of July-2020. It was also informed to the quorum the next hearing is scheduled on 16th February 2021 at the Principal Bench of Hon'ble NGT. Then further informed the quorum that-
 - a) SMC has made substantial progress on Interception and Diversion on Left and Right Banks of Tapi River in the jurisdiction of SMC and approximately 15% of identified works have been achieved.
 - b) In regards of status of STPs, in jurisdiction of SMC, out of 4(four), 01 STP is operational, 01 STP trial run is in progress and work of 2 STPs are in progress. However, some delays are expected in completion of construction and commissioning of STPs due to various guidelines, directives and difficult times of COVID-19 pandemic.

- c) In regard of construction of STPs outside jurisdiction of SMC but within jurisdiction of SUDA, 2 STPs (94.96 MLD) are in progress and tenders approved for 2 packages and work order for construction of 12 STPs totaling a treatment capacity of 83.36 MLD has also been issued. The Completion and Commissioning of these STPs are too expected to be delayed till end of 2022 due to reasons explained vide para 1(b) above.
- d) In regard of the In-Situ Bio-Remediation of Drains, SMC has invited Expression of Interest (Eoi) from 18 Companies/ Organizations and SMC in consultation with SVNIT, has shortlisted 3 companies. Invitation of subsequent RFP is in process and accordingly work will be allotted.

2. Shri Dharmesh Mistry, I/c. Town Planner, Town Development Department informed Committee members that, In SUDA areas, the regulations for Tapi Flood Prone Areas i.e. "No Development Zone" (NDZ-1A, NDZ-1B, NDZ-2A) and "Restricted Development Zone" (RDZ-1C, RDZ-2B)" are incorporated in Comprehensive General Development Control Regulations-2017 and implementation has been initiated with immediate effect via Notification dated 11.11.2020, no. GH/V/174 of 2020/EDB-102016-3629-L.

3. Mr. P.U. Dave, Regional Officer, GPCB Surat suggested that:

- a) To speeding up the exercise of Tapi Flood Prone Areas on Development Plan map.
- b) He also stated that water quality in river Tapi is being checked regularly. The water quality data of samples along stretch of Tapi River during the period September to December, 2020 are shared with SMC .
- c) He also requested all Committee Members to share latest and updated information as desired by Hon'ble Justice Shri B.C. Patel, former Chief Justice of Delhi High Court (and former judge of Gujarat High Court) who has been appointed as overseer by Hon'ble NGT for this case matter, by various departments under multiple cases of River Pollution to be shared with other Members of Committees, so as to avoid mismatches and conflicting / contradicting submissions to Courts of Law.

4. Mr. H.D. Patel, Executive Engineer, Surat Irrigation Circle has submitted that they have floated tender for desilting in the upstream of Sigapore Weir of River Tapi , but due to Court matter the opening of the tender is on hold. The further process will be done after final decision in this matter by Hon'ble court.
5. Mr.Rajnikant Chaudhary, Executive Engineer,GWSSB stated that, 1 to 4 clusters work in progress,Cluster 5 & 9 tenders are invited and for Cluster 6,7 & 8 tenders not floated due to land issue.
6. Mrs. KR Chaudary , Chitnis to Collector,Surat informed the Committee Members that the process of acquisition and transfer of Land has been expedited and the latest update will be informed to SMC as well as other Members of the Committee.
7. Mr. Hitendra Suthar, Executive Engineer – TSP, Surat Municipal Corporation, requested all committee members to review status updates and compile updated information on the responsibilities entrusted upon various departments, and submit to Hon'ble Justice Shri BC Patel and GPCB before 21st January 2021 keeping in view the scheduled hearing at Hon'ble NGT on 16th February 2021.
8. Meeting was ended with vote of thanks.


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