

13 th MINUTES OF MEETING

Hon'ble NGT Case 50/2018 (WZ)

Date & Time: 22nd December 2022 (4:00 hrs IST)

The following remained present.

- Attendees:**
1. Shri Ashish. M. Dube (City Engineer, SMC)
 2. Shri M. M. Rao (Executive Engineer – Environment Improvement and Protection Cell, SMC)
 3. Shri P. B. Tailor (Deputy Engineer – Environment Improvement and Protection Cell, SMC)
 4. Shri R. G. Chaudhri (Executive Engineer - **GWSSB**)
 5. Shri K. B. Gilitwala (I/c Executive Engineer - **Irrigation Department -2, Surat Circle**)
 6. Shri H. M. Lokhandwala (Asst. Environment Engineer, **Gujarat Pollution Control Board**)
 7. Shri Vishnu H. Jariwala (Asst. Engineer, Town Development Department, SMC)
 8. Shri Nirav R. Gheewala (Asst. Town Planner, Town Planning Department, SMC)
 9. Shri D. R. Patel (Asst. Engineer, Environment Improvement and Protection Cell, SMC)
- No Members from Gujarat Urban Development Mission (GUDM), Gandhinagar, SUDA office, Surat and Collectorate Office, Surat were present.

Location: Conference room, Law Library, SMC Head Office, Surat Municipal Corporation, Muglisara, Surat

Subject: Hon'ble NGT Order Dated 25/02/2019, 22/02/2021, 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 Twelvth Committee meeting on 26th August 2022.
- C. **Thirteenth (13th)** meeting of The Committee was convened at Law library room, SMC Head Office, Surat Municipal Corporation, Muglisara, Surat at 4.00 PM on 22nd December 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. M. M. Rao 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, as per NGT order, site visit has been done by representative of CPCB for Tapi Shuddhikaran project on dtd.20/07/2022 and SMC has submitted the details of project under SMC & SUDA area works to CPCB on dtd.27/07/2022.

SMC has received the information and details after 12th NGT committee (26/08/2022) meeting and submitted to CPCB on dated 08/09/2022.

All committee members were requested to submit latest details & information of their department within a week in compliance with letters issued by CPCB for onward submission to CPCB.

6. SMC presented the overall status of STPs & SPSs and completed diversion work for illegal discharge of 135 MLD in river Tapi. Other remaining work in progress will be completed by timeline upto January-2024.
7. Mr H. M. Lokhandwala, GPCB presented water quality monitoring and analysis report from August-2022 to November- 2022.
8. Mr K. B. Gilitwala, Irrigation Department-2, Surat Circle informed Committee members that Tenders for Dredging/Desilting in Tapi river were invited, Process of this work has been completed. Due to Hon. Gujarat High court matter, SCA14577/2020, SCA 14857/2022 and SCA 19459/2022 is pending and further procedure will be completed after order of Hon. Gujarat High court. Irrigation Department has submitted letter on dtd.22/12/2022.
9. Blue line and Red line related report submitted by Town Planning Department (TPD) of SMC and same is under approval of Urban Development Department, Gandhinagar.
10. Mr. R. G. Chaudhri, GWSSB presented about their physical and financial progress in percentile and same with email letter.
11. It was informed to the Committee Members that all activities of your department and other department should be update on GIS mapping.

Meeting was ended with vote of thanks.


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