

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY

ABSTRACT

Environment – Constitution of State Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) and Regional Air Quality Monitoring Committee (RAQMC) for implementation of State Action Plan on Air Pollution and to maintain the air quality standards in the U.T. of Puducherry Orders – Issued.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT (ENVIRONMENT)

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In compliance to the directions of the Hon'ble NGT in the matter of O.A No. 159 of 2021 dt.15.03.2023, State Action Plan for the U.T. of Puducherry has been prepared in consultation with the line departments. To review the progress, effective implementation of the Action Plan and framing policy to the Government of Puducherry with respect to Air Quality Management, approval of the Competent Authority is conveyed to constitute a Committee as per the direction of the Hon'ble NGT, with the following members.

1.	The Secretary to Government (Environment), Puducherry	Chairperson
2.	The Director, Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Puducherry	Member
3.	The Commissioner, Transport Department, Puducherry	Member
4.	The Director, Directorate of Industries and Commerce, Puducherry	Member
5.	The Director, Local Administration Department, Puducherry	Member
6.	The Director, Agriculture Department, Puducherry	Member
7.	The Member Secretary, Puducherry Pollution Control Committee, Puducherry	Member Convenor

The Chairperson may nominate additional member / technical expert from National / State Institutions having relevant expertise in the field with the concurrence of the Committee.

Functions of the State Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC):

- The Committee shall meet once in six month and review the status on implementation of the State Action Plan (SAP) for Controlling Air and Noise Pollution.
- The committee shall advice the Government of Puducherry on Air Pollution Control and management issues.
- The Committee shall bring up Policy Intervention, mitigation measures for the management of the better air quality in the U.T of Puducherry.
- The AQMC shall bring emission reduction target for the U.T of Puducherry in line with the GoI mandate.
- The Committee shall facilitate the new clean energy projects and other financial incentives to promote renewable energy and climate resilience in the U.T of Puducherry.

- vi. The policy brought forth by the committee and action tackling air pollution should have a direct positive impact on population health (SDG 3), Building sustainable cities and communities (SDG 11) relies on safe levels of particulate matter pollution and also on climate action (SDG 13).
- vii. The Committee shall implement National Emissions Trading System including various national policies issued / Notified by the GoI for the promotion of clean air, sustainable livelihood in the U.T.
- viii. Strengthening the Air Quality Monitoring Networks in the U.T of Puducherry.
- ix. The Committee shall advise in carrying out the necessity of source apportionment studies as required.

Regional Air Quality Monitoring Committee (RAQMC)

To assist the State AQMC in its activities and for implementation of the measures stipulated by State Air Quality Monitoring Committee, the Regional Air Quality Monitoring Committee is constituted with the following members;

For Puducherry Region:

1.	The District Collector, Puducherry	Chairperson
2.	The Superintendent of Police (Law & Order), Police Department, Puducherry	Member
3.	The Superintendent of Police (Traffic), Police Department, Puducherry	Member
4.	The Deputy Director, Directorate of Industries and Commerce, Puducherry	Member
5.	The Deputy Director(Public Health), Department of Health and Family Welfare Services, Puducherry	Member
6.	The Deputy Director, Directorate of School Education, Puducherry	Member
7.	The Commissioners of all the Local Bodies, Puducherry	Members
8.	Officer on Special Duty, Directorate of Higher & Technical Education, Puducherry	Member
9.	The Regional Transport Officer, Transport Department, Puducherry	Member
10.	The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department(B&R), Puducherry	Member
11.	The Deputy Director, Agriculture Department. Puducherry	Member
12.	The Junior Town Planner, Town and Country Planning Department, Puducherry	Member
13.	The Member Secretary, Puducherry Planning Authority, Puducherry	Member
14.	The Scientist-II, Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Puducherry	Member Convenor

For Karaikal Region:

1.	The District Collector, Karaikal	Chairperson
2.	The Superintendent of Police, Police Department, Karaikal	Member
3.	The Additional Director, Department of Industries and Commerce, Karaikal	Member
4.	The Deputy Director, Department of Health and Family Welfare Services, Karaikal	Member
5.	Chief Educational Officer, Department of School Education, Karaikal	Member
6.	The Commissioners of all the Local Bodies, Karaikal	Members
7.	The Regional Transport Officer, Transport Department, Karaikal	Member
8.	The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department(B&R), Karaikal	Member
9.	The Agricultural officer, Department of Agriculture, Karaikal	Member
10.	The Junior Town Planner, Town and Country Planning Department-cum-Member Secretary, Karaikal Planning Authority, Karaikal	Member
11.	The Environmental Engineer, Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Puducherry	Member Convenor

For Mahe Region:

1.	The Regional Administrator, Mahe	Chairperson
2.	The Superintendent of Police, Police Department, Mahe	Member
3.	The Deputy Director, Department of Industries and Commerce, Mahe	Member
4.	The Deputy Director, Department of Health and Family Welfare Services, Mahe	Member
5.	The Chief Educational Officer, Department of School Education, Mahe	Member
6.	The Commissioner, Mahe Municipality, Mahe	Member
7.	The Regional Transport Officer, Transport Department, Mahe	Member
8.	The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Mahe	Member
9.	The Agricultural officer, Department of Agriculture, Mahe	Member
10.	The Junior Town Planner, Town and Country Planning Department-cum- Member Secretary, Mahe Planning Authority, Mahe	Member
11.	The Scientist. Puducherry Pollution Control Committee, Puducherry	Member Convenor

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For Yanam Region:

1.	The Regional Administrator, Yanam	Chairperson
2.	The Superintendent of Police, Police Department, Yanam	Member
3.	The Deputy Director, Department of Industries and Commerce, Yanam	Member
4.	The Deputy Director, Department of Health and Family Welfare Services, Yanam	Member
5.	The Chief Educational Officer, Department of School Education, Yanam	Member
6.	The Commissioner, Yanam Municipality, Yanam	Member
7.	The Regional Transport Officer, Transport Department, Yanam	Member
8.	The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Yanam	Member
9.	The Agricultural officer, Department of Agriculture, Yanam	Member
10.	The Junior Town Planner, Town and Country Planning Department-cum-Member Secretary, Yanam Planning Authority, Yanam	Member
11.	Officer in charge of Yanam region, Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Puducherry	Member Convenor

Functions of the Regional Air Quality Monitoring Committee (RAQMC)

- i. The RAQMC shall meet once in three months regarding the implementation of the Air Pollution Control measures in the Regions and submit a report to the AQMC.
- ii. The Committee is responsible for day-to-day monitoring and implementation of Action Plan.
- iii. The Committee shall be responsible for the progress of entrusted activities and to ensure effective implementation of Action Plan.
- iv. The Committee shall plan the financial requirement for the implementation of the Action Plan.
- v. To oversee all the action points mentioned in the action plan, the implementing departments are appropriately tasked to deliver the results as expected.
- vi. The Committee shall develop effective implementation and monitoring of Public Grievance Redressal System pertaining to Air Pollution.
- vii. The Committee shall implement measures to bring down the standards of the air quality within the prescribed norms if it is in higher concentration and also shall take notable measures to maintain better Air Quality in the regions.

- viii. The RAQMC shall carry out various awareness activities to promote clean air and sustainable life style.
- ix. Air quality of the region shall be posted in the website of the office of the District Collector, Municipalities, Science, Technology and Environment, Pollution Control Committee, Tourism for the public information.

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✓ The Members Concerned,
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