

**Minutes of the Eighth State Level Monitoring Committee meeting held on 25.01.2021 on
restoration of polluted river stretches**

The eighth State Level Monitoring Committee meeting was held through Video Conferencing on 25.01.2021 in the Conference Hall, DSTE, Puducherry to review the status of action taken on commencement of setting up of STPs, the work of connecting all the drains and other sources of generation of sewage to the STPs and on the components of action plan submitted to CPCB on Restoration of Polluted River Stretches.

The following officers participated

1. Thiru. S.Dinesh Kannan, IFS Member Secretary, PPCC
2. Thiru.G.Ramakrishnan, Additional Director, Dept. of Industries & Commerce, Puducherry.
3. Thiru.G.Jhonson, PEO, DRDA, Puducherry
4. Thiru. Giddi Balaram, Deputy Director (RD), LAD, Puducherry.
5. Thiru.R.Ravichandran, EE, PHD, PWD, Puducherry.
6. Thiru. G. Packirisamy, Executive Engineer, I & PH Division, PWD, Karaikal.
7. Thiru.M.Sezhian, Manager, PTDC Ltd.,
8. Dr.D.Ramamoorthy, Associate Professor, Department of Ecology and Environmental Science, Pondicherry University
9. Thiru. Rajendran, V V, Assistant Engineer, Roads & Water Supply Division, PWD, Mahe Region
10. Thiru. Ramalingam, Assistant Engineer, Yanam Municipality, Yanam Region
11. Dr. N. Ramesh, SEE, DSTE, Puducherry and
12. Dr. V. R. Sumathi, Scientist, DSTE, Puducherry.

The Member Secretary, PPCC welcomed all the Officers from various Departments present in the meeting. The Member Secretary referred the minutes of the previous SLMC meeting held on 27.11.2020 and sought the status of action taken from each Department.

The Assistant Engineer, PWD, Mahe Region informed that e-tender for establishing STP was opened on 20.01.2021 and technical bid is under evaluation.

The Assistant Engineer, Yanam Municipality, Yanam Region informed that due to paucity of fund no action has been taken. Member Secretary (PPCC) recalled earlier statement of RA, Yanam regarding installation of decentralised STP.

With respect to setting up of 3 MLD STPs in Villianur and along Arasalar river, Karaikal, the Executive Engineer, PHD, PWD, Puducherry informed that confirmation from M/s WAPCOS, Chennai has been received for an amount of Rs.41.30 lakhs for DPR preparation and Estimate for an amount of Rs.41.30 lakhs has been submitted for the approval of the Government. Further EE, PWD informed that installing STP in Mahe, Yanam, Karikal and in other left out areas in Puducherry, e-tender was opened on 20.01.2021 and technical bid is under evaluation.

The Executive Engineer, I & PHD, PWD, Karaikal informed that DPR for development of Bio-diversity park is under preparation and by the end of February, 2021 work will be initiated.

The Deputy Director, LAD informed that Assistant Engineer, LAD will submit action taken report on legacy waste.


The Project Executive Officer, DRDA informed that no new work on ODF scheme on the bank of rivers were under taken.

The Manager, PTDC Ltd., informed that all construction work for installation of 30KLD STP is completed. Electrification work is under process and by mid of February, the STP will be operational.

Dr. D. Ramamoorthy, Associate Professor, Department of Ecology and Environmental Science, Pondicherry University informed that interim report on "Biodiversity monitoring and indexing of Chunnambar River and Arasalar River" for the action taken till January, 2020 has been submitted to PPCC. Further informed that during Feb - March, 2020 around 25 fish species were collected from Arasalar River, Karaikal and some species which could not be identified were referred to Annamalai University.

The Member Secretary, PPCC emphasized the research scholars present in the meeting to consult with the local fishermen for the identification of species. Also they were suggested to carry out field work in a composite manner inclusive of Animals and plants and they should have the relevant Literatures/Research papers for early completion of Biodiversity monitoring and indexing.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.


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Puducherry Pollution Control Committee