

**Minutes of the First State Level Monitoring Committee meeting held on 29.01.2020 in the Chamber of Secretary (Envt.,) Puducherry**

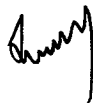
Meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the Secretary (Envt.) to ensure the commencement of setting up of STPs, the work of connecting all the drains and other sources of generation of sewage to the STPs.

The following officers are present:

1. Thiru. Arjun Sharma, I.A.S Secretary (ST&E)/ Chairman (PPCC), Puducherry.
2. Smt. Smitha. R, Director (DST&E)/Member Secretary (PPCC), Puducherry.
3. Thiru.S.Lucien Pedro Kumar, SE-II, PWD, Puducherry.
4. Thiru.S.Sekaran, SE, LAD, Puducherry. (Representing Director, LAD)
5. Thiru. Ashish Goyal, Mahe Municipality, Mahe. (Representing RA, Mahe)
6. Thiru. M.Sreenivas Kumar, JE, Yanam Municipality, Yanam. (Representing RA, Yanam)
7. Thiru. K.Soundararaju, AE, PH division, PWD, Puducherry.
8. Dr.N.Ramesh, SEE, DSTE, Puducherry and
9. Dr. V. R. Sumathi, Scientist, DSTE, Puducherry.

Dr.N.Ramesh, SEE, DSTE informed that based on the directions of Hon'ble NGT dt.06.12.2019 in the matter OA No.673/2018, First meeting of the Central Monitoring Committee regarding 351 polluted stretches was held on 08.01.2020 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Water Resources, RD&GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti, New Delhi. Chief Secretary, Government of Puducherry participated in the meeting through Video Conferencing. During the meeting the directions of Hon'ble NGT dt.06.12.2019 in the matter OA No.673/2018 were discussed and all the States / UTs were directed to carefully examine the order for compliance and submissions. Main directions of the order are as follows:

- i. To ensure 100% treatment of sewage, at least in-situ remediation of drains, by March, 2020.
- ii. Commencement of setting up of STPs and connecting all the drains and other sources of generation of sewage to the STPs must be ensured by March, 2020.
- iii. Compensation liable on the local bodies and the concerned Departments of the State / UTs is Rs.5 lakhs per month per drain for default in in-situ remediation and Rs.5lakhs per month per STP for default in commencement of setting up of the STP.



- iii. Timeline for completing all steps of Action Plans, including completion of setting up STPs and their commissioning, is by March, 2021. Compensation liable is Rs. 10lakhs per month per STP for default.

Secretary, (ST&E) discussed with the Officials of Mahe, Yanam, Puducherry about the status of STP. JE, Yanam informed that there is no STP in Yanam region. The Commissioner, Mahe Municipality informed that the waste water generated in the region is let into soak pit and there is no STP.

Finally, Secretary, (ST&E) instructed to issue directions to the PWDs' in all the regions of U.T of Puducherry and to LAD to take immediate action on in-situ remediation of drains and Commencement of setting up of STPs and connecting all the drains and other sources of generation of sewage to the STPs and to submit the action taken report.

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