

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
COLLECTORATE, KARAIKAL

No. DCK/A1/339/2024

Dt. 12.08.2024

**MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING CONSTITUTED TO MONITOR
THE PROGRESS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DISTRICT ENVIRONMENT PLAN**

The District Committee meeting constituted to monitor the progress of the implementation of District Environment Plan was convened on 05.08.2024 under the Chairmanship of Shri. Dr. D. Manikandan, I.A.S, District Collector. The list of participants is detailed in the Annexure. The Collector welcomed all the participants and briefed about the importance of the meeting, as Chief Secretary to Govt. has specifically directed to convene the District Environment Monitoring Committee meeting every month and assess the status of processing of the solid waste periodically.

After due deliberation, the following action points have been evolved.

1) The Commissioner, Karaikal Municipality informed that around **46 MT** of solid waste is collected from the Karaikal Urban limits and only around **18 MT** of solid waste is segregated / processed every day by the M/s HR Square. The Deputy Director, LAD stated that the solid waste collected every day from the Commune Panchayats were weighed and same is being dumped back at the Waste Centres in the respective Commune Panchayats by the contractor M/s HR Square and as such around 1,83,000 MT of Solid waste has been accumulated without segregation. The Commissioner, Karaikal Municipality said that Legacy waste of around 70,000 MT is yet to be bio-mined. The Commissioner, Karaikal Municipality stated that as per the terms and conditions of the contract, the processing of solid waste has to be done on everyday basis, so that it is zero waste.

As huge quantity of solid waste are accumulated and piled up without segregation, which will cause many complications and lead to environmental threat, the Collector directed the Commissioner, Karaikal Municipality to issue suitable instructions to the Contractor to engage sufficient number of labour to segregate and dispose off the solid waste collected as per the terms and conditions of the contract and also to ensure that the Processing Unit functions in three shifts. In the absence of non-compliance, the penal provisions shall be invoked by the Commissioner. The waste generated and collected from the Commune Panchayats and which are weighed should not be taken back to the Commune Panchayats and dumped. The waste collected from the Commune Panchayats should be segregated and disposed off as per the terms of the contract and it shall be ensured by the Commissioners of Commune Panchayats and the Deputy Director, LAD, Karaikal.

The Commissioner, Karaikal Municipality and the Deputy Director, LAD, Karaikal shall jointly inspect the Paravipet Resource Recovery centre every week and monitor the progress of work and should give a clear picture to the Committee in the next month meeting the actual progress made in segregation and disposal of solid waste.



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- 2) It was reported that at the heart of the Town at the junction of the Bus Stand, the drainage is often choked and also the drainages near big hotels and restaurants are in similar condition, causing environmental issues. The Commissioner, Karaikal Municipality shall direct her Sanitary Masteries / Officials to inspect and report in this regard and message shall be passed to the Contractor responsible for clearing the drainages and the same shall be cleaned at once without delay. Further, suitable directions shall be issued to the Commercial Establishments that no solid waste and other materials which choke the drainages should be dumped in the drainages. Imposing penalty should be examined in cases of repeated offence by the Commercial establishments. Door-to-door IEC activities in this regard shall be carried out by the Local Administration Department.
- 3) The Executive Engineer (I & PH), PWD stated about the work of 11 MLD STP is likely to be completed by December, 2024.
- 4) The Irrigation and Public Health Division of PWD, Karaikal shall set up "JAL SAKTHI KENDRA" which shall include all the data regarding the Water Bodies, Irrigation channels, Rivers, Rainfall data, etc., as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Jal Shakti. An amount of Rupees two lakhs had already been released by the Ministry for the setting up of the Jal Shakti Kendra. The Jal Sakthi Kendra to be set up immediately in Karaikal District should be the best in the Nation comprising all the relevant data.
- 5) The Puducherry Pollution Control Committee shall conduct periodical Water Quality Monitoring of all the Water bodies and the rivers of Karaikal District.
- 6) The Junior Engineer of Science & Technology Department stated that the Air Quality is being monitored on real time basis at three places in the Karaikal District and the Data are being uploaded in the Department Website and the District Administration Website. As many complaints are received from Neravy and TR Pattinam residents regarding coal dust settling everywhere in their homes due to the transportation of Coal from Karaikal Port, the Collector directed the Science & Technology Department Official to conduct Air quality check near the Port premises and to submit report to the District Administration before next meeting.
- 7) Permit is being issued for the Mining activity of lifting sand from 6 Nos. of Water Bodies for the Infrastructural Development Projects of JIPMER, Railways, Highways, NIT, Kendriya Vidyalaya, etc by the Deputy Collector (Revenue), Karaikal. The Deputy Collector (Revenue) further stated that so far 1116.137 MT cum of sand has been lifted from the above Water bodies for various Projects and the excavation is as per norms.
- 8) The Deputy Director (Immunization) submitted report on the handling of Bio-Medical wastes and the amount of quantity from all the Medical Institutions / Health Clinics is directly the M/s PSMP Ltd from Karaikal. The Deputy Director (Immunization), Karaikal shall ensure that all the Health Care Centres and the M/s PSMP Ltd comply with all the aspects in handling and transportation of Bio-Medical Waste as per Rules.

9) The Ambient Noise Level monitoring shall be done by the Police Department and the Puducherry Pollution control Committee with the devices available with them and report furnished during the next meeting.

10) The Forest & Wild Life Department shall take all necessary steps to increase the green cover of the region. The Deputy Conservator of Forests shall involve the Community / Voluntary Organizations / Commercial establishments apart from the Departmental Staff in increasing the green cover of the District. Necessary steps to be taken to establish Coastal bio-wall in the Forest land transferred to Department of Forests vide G.O. Ms. No. 34 dt. 10.08.2001. Further, suitable land shall also be identified in co-ordination with the Department of Revenue & Disaster Management, Commissioners of Karaikal Municipality and Commune Panchayats, Executive Officer (Temples), etc. for increasing the green cover of the District and to mitigate Climate Change.

11) The Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Puducherry shall immediately post a permanent Staff for their Office at Karaikal, as the Department plays a crucial role in monitoring the Environment. For convening and conducting statutory District Level meetings and for furnishing of reports to Puducherry, etc. and for carrying out inspections etc., a team of permanent Officials is essential for the functioning of Department at Karaikal.

12) The Collector directed the Local Administration Department and the Department of Science, Technology and Environment to undertake IEC activities regarding the mode of disposal of various kinds of waste. In the event of repeated non-compliance by general public / Institutions / Commercial establishments, penal provisions shall be invoked against them for damaging the Environment.

The collector requested all the Members and the Special Invitees to take all possible steps to mitigate Climate Change and protect our Environment clean and healthy. The decision taken in the meeting shall be implemented by the line Departments and the progress made will be reviewed in the next monthly meeting.

With Vote of Thanks, the meeting came to an end.


(Dr. D. MANIKANDAN, I.A.S)
COLLECTOR

To

All concerned.

The District Informatics Officer, Karaikal - to upload the Minutes in the District Website

Copy to:

The Secretary to Govt. (Science, Technology & Environment), Puducherry.

Copy submitted to:

The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Puducherry, Puducherry.

ANNEXURE

List of participants of District Committee Meeting on District Environment Plan
held on 05.08.2024

Sl. No	Tvl. Name and Designation
1.	N. Viji, DCF, Dept of Forest and Wildlife.
2.	Dr. R. Sivarajakumar, Deputy Director (Immunization), Karaikal.
3.	S.K. Senthilvelan, Inspector of Factories, Karaikal.
4.	S. Subash, Deputy Director, LAD, Karaikal.
5.	K. Sadhasivam, Additional Director, Industries Department, Karaikal.
6.	R. Chidambaranathan, Executive Engineer (B&R), PWD, Karaikal.
7.	J. Mahesh, Executive Engineer (I&PH), PWD, Karaikal.
8.	A. Renganathan, Jt BDO, BDO, Karaikal.
9.	R. Arunasalam, Commissioner, Thirunallar Commune Panchayat.
10.	K. Kannappan, Commissioner, T.R. Pattinam Commune Panchayat.
11.	G. Elamurugan, Commissioner, Neravy Commune Panchayat.
12.	R. Balan, Commissioner, Nedungadu Commune Panchayat.
13.	P. Sathiya, Commissioner, Karaikal Municipality, Karaikal.
14.	V. Mourougane, JE, Kottucherry Commune Panchayat.
15.	N. Sathiabalan, Junior Engineer
16.	D. Nagarajan, JE, Karaikal Municipality, Karaikal.
17.	P. Vithyalakshmi, Deputy Surveyor, Survey Department, Karaikal.
18.	S. Amaravathi, Draughtman, Survey Department, Karaikal.
19.	Pugazhendy, JE, Dept. of Science, Tehnology & Environment, Puducherry