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Minutes of 1st meeting of the Environmental Monitoring Committee (EMC) held on 22.01.2019 at Committee Room, HP Secretariat, Shimla (H.P.) at 12.00 Noon, under the Chairmanship of Sh. R.D Dhiman, Additional Chief Secretary (Environment, Science and Technology) in compliance to the Hon'ble NGT order dated 13-12-2018 vide OA No. 1038/2018, News Item Published in "THE ASIAN AGE" authored by Sanjay Kaw titled "CPCB to rank industrial units on pollution Levels".

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At First instance, Dr. R.K Pruthi (IAS) Member Secretary, Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (HPSPCB), Convener of Environment Monitoring Committee welcomed the Hon'ble Chairman, and Members of the Environment Monitoring Committee. The List of Officials who attended the meeting is enclosed as **Annexure-I**. The members from Rural Development Department and Health Department were not present in the meeting.

Thereafter, the Member Secretary, Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (HPSPCB), made a brief presentation on the Hon'ble NGT order dated 13-12-2018 informing that Out of 88 identified clusters in India by Central pollution Control Board, 43 industrial clusters in 16 states having Comprehensive Environmental Pollution Index (CEPI) score of 70 and above were identified as Critically Polluted Areas (CPAs). Further 32 industrial clusters with CEPI scores between 60 and 70 were categorized as Seriously Polluted Areas (SPAs), based on the evaluation of CEPI carried out in 2009-10. In later evaluation, the number of identified polluted industrial clusters went up to 100 in the year 2017-18.

03 Areas of Himachal Pradesh viz. Baddi, Kala Amb and Parwanoo have been identified as Severely Polluted Areas (SPAs).

Sr. No.	Name of the Industrial Cluster	CEPI Score in the year
		2009
1.	Baddi	69.07
2.	Kala Amb	68.77
3.	Parwanoo	63.83

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Further, Dr. R.K Pruthi, Member Secretary , HPSPCB, apprised that as per Hon'ble NGT order dated 13-12-2018 all the SPCBs/ Committees have been directed to **prepare and finalize time bound action plans** with regard to identified polluted industrial clusters (CPAs and SPAs) in accordance with the revised norms laid down by the CPCB to restore environmental qualities within norms. Such action plan be finalized within 3 months from the date of the receipt of this office order. The Environment Monitoring Committee (EMC) comprising of:

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| 1. Addl. Chief Secretary (EST) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh | Chairman |
| 2. Pr. CCF (HOFF), Forest Department, H.P. | Member |
| 3. Director, Environment, Science and Technology, H.P. | Member |
| 4. Director, Industries Department, H.P. | Member |
| 5. Director, Urban Development Department, H.P. | Member |
| 6. Director, Rural Development Department, H.P. | Member |
| 7. Engineer-in-Chief, I & PH, Department, H.P. | Member |
| 8. Director, Health Department, H.P. | Member |
| 9. Director, Transport Department, H.P. | Member |
| 10. The Member Secretary, HPSPCB | Convener |

Revised CEPI (2016) is comprised of the following components:

Component A	Scale of the Industrial Activity	20 Marks
Component B	Status of Ambient Env. Quality (Air/SW/GW)	50 Marks
Component C	Health related statistics	10 Marks
Component D	Compliance status of industries	20 Marks

The final preparation of the action plan including its execution shall be overseen by the Chief Secretary of the concerned State, along with all the major issues of the States such as **Pollution of river stretches, non attainment of cities in terms of air quality, solid waste management, Utilization of treated sewage.**

- News Items published in "The Hindu" authored by Shri Jacob Koshy titled "**More river stretches are now critically polluted: CPCB**", order dated 20-09-2018 in **Original Application No. 673/2018**
- News item published in "The Times of India" Authored by Shri. Vishwa Mohan Titled "**NCAP with multiple timelines to clear air in 102 cities to be released**

around August 15" Order dated 08-10-2018 in Original Application no. 681/2018.

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- Compliance of **Municipal Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016** and Order dated 27-11-2018 in **Original Application number no. 148/2016.**

This order of NGT also covers order dated 19th December, 2018 which contains the directions "By way of last opportunity, we extend the time for preparation of action plans till 31.01.2019 with the stipulation that for every delay thereafter, compensation for damage to the environment will be payable by each of the States/ UTs at the rate of Rs. **One Crore per month for each of the Priority- I and Priority- II stretches, Rs. 50 lacs per month for stretches in Priority- III and Rs. 25 lacs per month each for Priority- IV and Priority- V stretches. The payment will be the responsibility of the Chief Secretaries of the States/Administrators of the UTs and the amount may be recovered from the erring officers.**"The Chairman stated that as per this NGT order, the fine if imposed by Hon'ble NGT shall be paid by the erring officers of the concerned departments and name of the erring officers shall be given to the NGT for further action for non-compliance, hence Action Plans/Proposal must be submitted by each department within stipulated timeline without fail.

Following Decisions were taken by EMC upon discussions:

1. **State Pollution Control Board** shall prepare detailed inventORIZATION of the industries including Red categories, 17 categories with pollution potential (air and water) along with the compliance status of industries falling under **3 Severely Polluted Areas (SPAs)** of Himachal Pradesh viz. **Baddi, Kala Amb and Parwanoo** as per CEPI in view of aforesaid orders. The inventORIZATION of the industries prepared shall be shared with **Industries Department, H.P.** for cross verification of the data. The State Pollution Control Board have already prepared and **finalized approved action plan for the improvement of air quality** which have already been sent to **Central Pollution Control Board** vide letter dated 3-01-2019. **The action plan for water quality (river stretches) falling under Severely Polluted Areas (SPAs) i.e Markanda River (Kala Amb), Sukhna Nallah (Parwanoo)** have been prepared and already sent to **Central Pollution Control Board** while **action plan for Sirsa River (Baddi) is being prepared.**
2. **IPH Department with Urban Development and HIMUDA Department** shall prepare and submit a comprehensive proposal/action plan for the Sewage Treatment Plants and septic tanks (Septage management) to be provided or already provided in **3 SPAS of Himachal Pradesh.** The **action plan/proposals** formulate/prepared shall also include any up-gradations required in the existing STPs and Septic tanks provided by IPH department in these areas. It is pertinent to mention here that a separate provision of utilization of treated water from STPs shall be initiated and finalized within 3 months a letter in this regard was already issued to the department on 7-01-2019. The action plan shall clearly mention the time lines.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Member Secretary, HP State Pollution Control Board to Chairman and all members of Environment Monitoring Committee requested to go through the NGT order dated 13-12-2018 (already e-mailed).

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to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh

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Copy forwarded to the following for information and necessary compliance as per Hon'ble NGT Order:

1. Pr. Chief Conservator of Forest, Department of Forest, HP, Shimla.
2. The Director, Department of Environment, Science & Technology, HP Shimla.
3. The Director, Industry Department, HP Shimla.
4. The Director, Urban Development, HP Shimla.
5. The Director, Rural Development, HP Shimla.
6. Engineer-in Chief, IPH, Shimla.
7. The Director, Health Department, Shimla.
8. The Director, Transport, Shimla.
9. The PS to ACS (Env Sc. & Technology) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.

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Dr. R.K Pruthi, IAS
Member Secretary