Minutes of the meeting held on 1ST November, 2017 in Hon. High Court's PIL 176/2012

As per the direction given by Hon. High Court in PIL 176/2012, the committee under the chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner Nashik is constituted to review the progress made by various agencies in tackling issues related to pollution of Godavari River.

The main point of discussion in the meeting was issue of construction of retaining wall on the banks of Nasardi River. Hon. High Court had given instructions in it's order dt.6/7/2017 that Commissioner, Nashik Municipal Corporation should make applications to the Divisional Commissioner, Nashik and the decision shall be taken by the Committee regarding construction of retaining wall.

Divisional Commissioner gave the following instructions:

- a) Nashik Municipal corporation: 1) To take no objection certificate of (WRD) Irrigation department. 2)To design the appropriate structure for flood protection on the basis of statutory data of rainfall & with reference to the statutory requirements of erosion prevention measures. 3) To compare appropriateness of Gabion wall or the cement wall as more eco-friendly structure.
- b) Irrigation Department (WRD); 1) To establish legal geographical right of WRD of water course on the basis of documentary evidence and to consider the Blue & Red line while demarcating their area & to ensure the feasibility for the retaining wall to prevent further erosion of the banks 2) To give exact figures of the Hydraulic force of rain water in recent years.3) To suggest NMC as to what type of structure can be permitted to built in their area.
- c) National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI): 1) NEERI should examine the DPR of Nashik Municipal Corporation for the retaining wall & to give suggestions for its feasibility. 2) To give in detail opinion regarding concept of Ecoengineering. 3) NEERI should also suggest the concept of natural vegetation which will prevent further erosion of the banks.

The above mentioned Departments should submit their reports to the Committee for further decision.

For Divisional Commissioner, Nashik

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