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Bombay High Court Public Interest Litigation No. 176/2012
Chaired by Divisional Commissioner, Nashik Division, Nashik
The minutes of the meeting held on January 15, 2019.

As per the directions in the PIL No. 176/2012, Judgement was passed by the Hon'ble High Court, Mumbai on December 18, 2018, a meeting was held on 15th January, 2019 at 4.00 pm under the chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner, Nashik Division, Nashik.

The following officers were present in the meeting.

1. Shri Radhakrishna Game, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Nashik,
2. Shri Dnyaneshwar Khilari, Deputy Commissioner (Rehabilitation), Nashik
3. Shri Lakshmikant Patil, Deputy Commissioner Of Police, Nashik
4. Shrimati Vasanti Mali, Deputy Collector, Land Acquisition No. 2,
5. Shri Prakash Thavil, Chief Executive Officer, Smart City, Nashik,
6. Captain Rakesh Mishra, Nashik Regimental Center - Artillery Center, Nashik
7. Mr. Praveen Joshi, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik
8. Shri. Rajendra Patil, Regional Officer, M.P. N. Mandal, Nashik
9. Shri S.R. Vanjari, Executive Engineer, Municipal, Nashik
10. Dr. Prajakta Baste, Expert- Godavari Revival Committee,
11. Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Zilla Parishad Nashik
12. Mr. Rajesh Salve, District Information Officer, Nashik,
13. Mr. Dushyant Uike, Executive Engineer, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC), Nashik,
14. Mr. J.C. Borase, Deputy Engineer, Water Resources Department, Nashik
15. Mr. Rajesh Pandit and Mr. Nishikant Pagare, Petitioners

In this meeting, Collector Nashik, Chief Engineer, Nashik Thermal Power Station, Eklahare, Nashik, were remain absent.

1. Addition of the Invitees in Committee -

The work of Godavari River pollution control is the foremost job of different offices. It is primarily discussed in the meeting to have the active participation of these departments in the effective implementation of the work of Godavari pollution. It is discussed to add following officers in committee 1. Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad Nashik 2. Deputy Commissioner, of Police (HQ) Nashik 3. Chief Officer,

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Deolali Cantonment Board, 4. Joint Director Urban Development Nashik 5. Deputy Director, Information Nashik 6. Superintending Engineer, Water Resources Department, Nashik 7. District Information Officer, Nashik. Accordingly It is decided in meeting that these officers should be added as Invitee in this committee.

2. In view of the Godavari pollution control, a review of the works done by various departments were discussed as under, -

A) Nashik Municipal Corporation - Commissioner, Municipal Corporation submitted a review of their work. The work of Gangapur STP has been started and planned to be complete before June 2019. NMC is continuously persuing with Collector Office for the land of Pimpalgaon khamb STP. For complaints about the River pollution, arrangements have been made on the "**NMC CONNECT**" app and Office website. Immediate action is being taken. on these complaints, The campaign was launched to remove the encroachment of river banks. The work for laying out 210 km new network for sewage water disposal in the city. Majority of sewage water is treated in existing STPs and due care for treatment on sewage is taken by municipal corporation and also for disposal of quality water from STPs in the river.

B) Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board - Regarding the Godavari pollution, the Corporation is regularly doing inspections of STPs and quality of river water. Our office inspected the sewage water coming from the Artillery Centre to river and issued show cause notice to Artillery centre. The inspections the municipal corporation's STP are done. The MPCB gave approval for the setting up of CETP in Ambad and Satpur MIDC. For this, the CETP organization has published the tender notice for the construction of CETP.

C) MIDC - Executive Engineer has informed about progress of setting up of processing mechanism of chemical effluents substances in Satpur and Ambad Industrial Sector (CETP) & assured that it will be functionable easlier. He is also directed to submit a action plan on the Sewage water directly mixing in river from MIDC area.

D) Zilla Parishad, Nashik - Divisional Commissioner expressed dissatisfaction to Deputy CEO for negligence in preparation of action plan regarding the sewage water and solid waste management of the villages in zilla parishad jurisdiction. He is directed to submit action plan before next meeting.

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E) **Police Deputy Commissioner** – Police Department informed that 82 cases under Indian Penal Code Section 188 are lodged against people for pollution in Godavari river till today. The Divisional Commissioner instructed to him follow up with the Government for the approval of independent police manpower proposal for Godavari river protection .

F) **Nashik Artillery Center** - Captain Mishra informed that Cantonment Board has planned to treat the Sewage generated from Nashik military area and will set up STP as early as possible. In this regard, a detailed report will be the submitted to the committee in a month.

G) **Water Resources Department** - It is also the duty of the Water Resources Department to remove the encroachments in the river. They should coordinate with the Municipal Corporation and remove all the encroachments.

H) **Deputy Collector (Land Acquisition)** - said that the proposal for acquisition of the land of the STP in Pimpalgaon Khamb is on the stage for hearing of the objections on the notice to the land owners u/s Section 21 (2). She was directed to complete this land acquisition as early as possible.

3. Preparation of Subcommittees -

Committee discussed to set up different sub- committees to do work at their level for pollution control as directed by Hon'ble High court as follows-

A) Municipal Corporation Nashik

1. Commissioner of Municipal Corporation Nashik - Chairman
2. NEERI's Representative
3. Deputy Commissioner of Police (HQ), Nashik
4. Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board
5. Deputy Director, Information, Nashik
6. Executive Engineer, Environment Department, Municipal Corporation Nashik
7. Rajesh Pandit and Nishikant Pagare - Non-official members
8. Additional Commissioner, Municipal Corporation – Secretary

B) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB)

1. Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board- Chairman
2. Deputy Commissioner of Police (HQ), Nashik
3. NEERI's Representative
4. Superintending Engineer, Water Resources Department
5. Executive Engineer, Environment Department, Municipal

Corporation Nashik

6. Rajesh Pandit and Nishikant Pagare - Non-official members
7. Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Nashik - Secretary

C) District Council

1. Chief Executive Officer- Chairman
2. NEERI's Representative
3. Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board
4. Rajesh Pandit - Non-official member
5. Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Water Supply and Sanitation, Zilla Parishad Secretary

D) Publicity of Godavari Conservation: -

1. Deputy Director, Information, Nashik- Chairman
2. District Education Officer (Primary)
3. Additional Commissioner, Municipal Corporation
4. Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Water Supply and Sanitation)
5. District Educational Officer (Secondary)
6. Nishikant Pagare - Non-official member
7. District Information Officer Nashik – Secretary

E) Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC)

1. Superintending Engineer, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation- Chairman
2. Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board
3. NEERI's Representative
4. Deputy Commissioner of Police (HQ), Nashik
5. Nishikant Pagare and Rajesh Pandit - Non-official members
6. Executive Engineer – Secretary

These committees will prepare plan of work for Godavari pollution control at their respective office level. The detailed order about work of subcommittees for this will be issued separately. All the sub-committee should conduct a monthly meeting at their level and take a review of issues related to Godavari Pollution Control. The decision should be taken on their level and for every two months, the report of sub-committee should be submitted to the Committee at Divisional Commissioner level.

4. Deploying staff for the Godavari Pollution Control Office. -

The demand was made to the Nashik Municipal Corporation for the staff required as per directions of the Hon'ble High Court. However, due to the large

number of vacancies in Municipal Corporation. Municipal Commissioner Nashik showed inability to make immediate availability of separate staff. But Divisional commissioner directed to comply order of Hon'ble High Court in next two months.

5. Preparation of Grievance Redressal Cell -

The major works related to Godavari Pollution Control are in the area of Nashik Municipal Corporation. Major work of sanitation of city & Godavari Environment Conservation is done at Nashik Municipal Corporation level. Therefore, it is convenient to set up Grievance Redressal Mechanism at Nashik Municipal Corporation office. It will be convenient to the citizens of Nashik. to visit, lodge complaints in centrally located NM C office. Also Hon'ble High Court has directed Nashik Municipal Corporation to provide staff, computers, etc for this work. Considering all these facts, Committee decided to set up Grievance Redressal office in Nashik Municipal Corporation office. The report of all the complaints received and resolved should be submitted to Divisional Commissioner on monthly basis by Nashik Municipal Corporation office.

6. To take Follow up of the proposals to the State Government.-

Proposals for police staff appointment for Godavari conservation cell is pending at the level of the Government. The Deputy Commissioner of Police is directed to follow up this proposal & get sanctioned.

The Divisional Commissioner directed to all concerned departments to take necessary steps for the compliance of order of Hon'ble High Court.

(Rajaram Mane)
Divisional Commissioner
Nashik Division, Nashik

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