Minutes of the Meeting Held on 24 th November 2014

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 implementing agencies in tackling issues related to pollution of Godavari River. The meeting of committee was held on 24th November in Divisional Commissioner office to review the progress. Following are the points discussed and decision taken:

- Issue of lower BOD from STP was discussed in earlier meetings and was opined that technologies which are available should be explored. Accordingly presentation on SBR Technology was given by MPCB in meeting, in which BOD upto 5 can be achieved. It was decided that Nashik Municipal corporation should use such type of technologies in Gangapur and Pimpalgaon(Kh) STP and ensure that BOD should be upto 5 in new STP.
- Vegetable market (Bhazibazar) which is on bank of river should be shifted. Wastage of Bhazibazar causes pollution in river .It was decided that Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC) should shift BhajiBazr as early as possible.
- Nashik Municipal Corporation should install barricades at the relevant entry points so that that the vehicles are not taken near the riverbed for the purposes of washing. In consultation with police, NMC should install barricades and strict action should be taken.
- 4. Expert member Dr Baste pointed that there is need of plantation on the river bank. Green belt along the river bank should be created and plantation should be done.
- 5. Necessary facilities should be given to newly created office for Working Group on Awareness
- 6. Trimbakeshwar Municipal Council CO pointed out that new land fill site at village Kojuli is identified and shortly solid waste of city will be processed there. However there is issue of solid waste dumped on the bank of river and it need to clear. Various options has been discussed for this. Firstly it can been transported and will be processed at the place where processing facility is there. Secondly in situ decomposition and segregation of plastic and its recycling at suitable place. Issue was discussed at length MPCB and NEERI official pointed out that transportation of garbage will cause further environmental issue and will be appropriate to decompose it in situ and recycle plastic. Accordingly it was decided that necessary action by Trimbakeshwar Municipal Council should be taken.
- Hon Green Tribunal, Pune Bench had directed that the Nirmalya of Trimbakeshwar should be processed in NMC facilities and also the daily solid waste of Trimbakeshwar should be processed by NMC. The

- cost incurred for processing should be borne by Trimbakeshwar MC . Accordingly necessary instruction was given to NMC
- 8. It was pointed by NMC that solid waste in city area is also major cause of river pollution. It was decided that Commissioner NMC should ensure mechanism where manpower of NMC is properly utilised for handling solid waste in city.
- 9. In-spite of various effort taken, there has been incidences that still citizens are washing there vehicle and cloths in river. It was decided that Police department should take strict actions on offenders.
- Authorities of Nashik Municipal Corporations told that all steps are being taken as per the direction of Hon High Court
- 11. Regional Officer MPCB told that the regular sample is being taken to monitor the water quality of River Water.
- 12. Various steps by government department with citizen for Green Kumbh also discussed and also appreciated effort taken by Education Department.
- Divisional Commissioner told to all implementing agencies that they should submit their progress report before 30 th December June so that the compliance report will be submitted to Hon High Court in the first week of January 2015

Divisional Commissioner Nashik