

## Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup>, December 2015 in Hon.High Court's PIL 176/2015

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.

Hon. High court had given directions to NEERI to submit a detail report on the remedies regarding the status of Godavari River. NEERI has submitted a report on 11/12/2015 to Hon. High Court. As per the orders of Hon. High Court dated 16/12/2015 the suggestions in NEERI's report are to be discussed in the committee's meeting headed by Divisional commissioner and submit the action taken plan to Hon. High Court immediately.

The recommendations made in NEERI's report and the plan of action to be taken are as followings:-

Sr. no.	Recommendation of NEERI	Proposed action and name of the department
1	Effective collection of solid waste was observed during Kumbh Mela as persons hired for continuous collection of solid waste and Nirmalya. This practice should be continued to keep the river banks and newly constructed Ghats clean. A team of workers can be formed for cleaning the ghats and collection of solid waste.	During Simhastha Kumbha Mela the entire work of maintaining cleanliness, sweeping, collection of solid wastes etc. was outsourced by employing 3311 number of workers. Nashik Municipal Corporation has submitted a proposal to government vide No. NMC/ Health/WS/2559/2015 dated 03/12/2015 for approval of 1400 workers on stipend/contractual basis. Once the approval is obtained, the necessary deployment of labours will be done so as to maintain the required cleanliness along the stretch of Godavari and the entire city. The required staff as per the norms for cleanliness is 3713, however the present staff on pay role of NMC is 1993 which is inadequate to maintain the level of cleanliness. However NMC should make necessary arrangements to keep the stretch

		of Godavari and the entire city clean as per the directions given by NEERI and the direction's of the Hon. High Court .
2	NMC need to ensure that the Ghats should not be misused for activities such as washing of clothes, washing of vehicles, erecting temporary shelters should not be permitted in future.	Police Department i taking actions under various sections of Bombay Police Act, 1951 and order u/s 144(1) (2) has been implemented to prevent people from washing clothes, vehicles etc. punishable under IPC section 188. The Police department has so far registered 4 cases. Police and NMC should see that the river stretch of Godavari should remain clean and pollution free.
3	A new developmental guidelines and byelaws for river front development should be framed. While formulation of the development plan for the area in the vicinity of the river, guidelines mentioned in Chapter 10. Flood plain planning & development Guidelines for river Godavari, Nashik region should be considered and can be implemented with few modifications as per the site requirements.	Revised Draft development Plan and DC rules have been submitted to the State Government for approval. In the revised draft D.P. Nashik municipal Corporation has requested the Town planning of the state Govt. that in " No development Zone" of 15 to 18 m. width on either side of Godavari river be proposed, so that urbanization and related issues do not disturb the ecology of the river. NMC has also requested for 15 m. wide " No development zone" on the banks of rivers Valdevi, Nasardi and kapila & 9 m. wide " No development zone" on either side of nallas. Accordingly, the said "No development zone" have been earmarked on the draft D. P. submitted to the Government for approval. Due to this provision, these river beds can be cut off from the urban sprawls by plantation of appropriate species of indigenous trees. The administration and NMC have also taken steps to restore the eco system of Godavari River as a long term measure. In this regard Collector Nashik has issued instructions to Superintendent of Land Records vide order NO. Kaksha 2/ Napa 2/144/2015 dated

		27/02/2015 to measure all the banks of river Godavari and to demarcate the same. Once the demarcation is done, Corporation will remove all the encroachments in the Godavari, either the civil structures or farms to restore and reclaim the encroached land of the river bed.
4	Demarcation of Blue and Red line along the river should be done at the earliest. Any kind of construction activities like construction of buildings, jogging tracks should be prohibited in Red line area.	The Blue and Red lines have been defined for major rivers Godavari, Nasardi, Waldevi and Waghadi in the NMC area by the Water Resources Department. Same has been shown on Published Revised Draft D. P. As the provisions for flood damage control, no development activities are allowed between the river bank and the Blue line. However, in the Blue & the Red line development activities are allowed with the condition that the plinth level of proposed structure should be 0.60m above the level of the Red line
5	Demarcation of Red and Blue line should also be done for the tributaries of Godavari including Nasardi, Waldevi, Waghadi and others.	
6	Ecological buffers should be developed at all possible locations along the stretch of the river Godavari.	It was decided that a sub-committee under the Chairmanship of Commissioner Municipal Corporation should be constituted to study the feasibility of recommendations of NEERI related to development work . Accordingly committee under the chairmanship of Commissioner NMC is constituted and asked to submit report earliest
7	As per suggested in the final report of NEERI, ecological flow should be maintained in the river to maintain river quality. It has been mentioned by irrigation department that the water cannot be released by due to scarcity of water. In such case, the efforts should be made to reduce the dependence on Gangapur dam	NEERI has suggested the quantity of flow which should be released in the Godavari river as an environmental flow in the light of limited quantity of water available in Gangapur Dam water supply :  1) At the time of building permission condition is specifically mentioned for plot above 150 sq.m.on building commencement certificate regarding

	<p>for water supply. The efforts should include rainwater harvesting, aquifer recharging and waste water reuse and recycle.</p>	<p>arrangement for rain water harvesting to be made for the proposed building. The issue of completion of rain water harvesting measures is certified by Town Planning Department before issuing the Occupancy certificate.</p> <p>2) Government of Maharashtra has issued a Government Resolution for Grey water recycle and reuse for buildings/complexes having 150 or more tenements. The developers are required to install STP for treatment of Grey water generated in the said complex &amp; reuse it.</p> <p>3) For building complexes having area greater than 20,000 sq.m. Environment Clearance is required to be taken by the developers from State Government. It has been mandated in the provisions of Environment clearance to recycle and reuse waste water generated in the said campus.</p>
8	<p>Aquifer mapping should be done undertaken by relevant institutions like GSDA</p>	<p>Collector Nashik vide letter No.Kaksha 2/ napa2/146/2015 dated /03/2015 has issued directions to GSDA for mapping of the aquifers in the Godavari basin within Nashik Municipal Area.</p>
9	<p>As per the Urban development department, Government of Maharashtra Notification no. TPE-4307/396/CR-124?2007/UD-11 dated 6<sup>TH</sup> June, 2007, " All layout open spaces /amenity spaces of housing societies and new constructions / reconstructions/ additions on plots having area not less than</p>	<p>The condition about making provisions about rain water harvesting is mentioned on building commencement certificate and the necessary compliances are been got done by the Town Planning Department of Nashik Municipal Corporation as mentioned above.</p>

300 sq. m in no Gaothan areas of all towns shall have one or more Rain water harvesting structures." This should be made mandatory in Nashik which will reduce the water requirement from Gangapur dam.



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