

## Minutes of the Committee's Meeting held on 31/12/2014

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 31/12/2014 in Divisional Commissioner office to review the progress. Following are the points discussed and decision taken:

1) Hon High court had given further directions in its order dated 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014 regarding pollution of Godavari River. Copy of order dated 19 December 2014 had been given to all members of committee and various agencies related. All agencies should implement the directions of Hon High Court strictly.

2) Nashik Municipal Corporation should create a separate helpline with a toll free number within one month for grievance redressal mechanism. Mean- while the complaints made by the citizens should be accepted by the "Green Kumbh cell" appointed by this committee. Internet connection and a separate telephone will be provided by Nashik Municipal Corporation to the "Green Kumbha Cell" within a week.

3. Nashik Municipal Corporation should upload all the reports of NEERI and copies of relevant orders of the Hon. High Court with its Marathi Translation on its website within a week.

4.: All the concerned departments should prepare an action plan within a month on NEERI's revised action plan about forthcoming Kumbhmela

5. Collector Nashik should convey to Apex committee, High power Committee and the district level committee constituted under the Government resolution dated 28<sup>TH</sup> December, 2012 the following aspects:

A) A comprehensive interim order passed by the Hon. High Court on 7<sup>TH</sup> March, 2014 and all the relevant orders;

B) Constitution of the committee headed by the Divisional Commissioner, Nashik for monitoring implementation of the orders of the Hon. High court;

C) Recommendations of NEERI report including the Action plan to tackle forthcoming Kumbh Mela.

6) Deputy Collector (Land Acquisition) No. 2, Nashik should complete the Land Acquisition Proceedings within the stipulated time as directed by the Hon. High court.

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7) Collector Nashik should convey to the Urban Development Department about the directions given by the Hon. High Court regarding the Financial assistance and the Central Government to make available the necessary funds for the Kumbh Mela.

9) In spite of the committee's letter dated 28/10/2014 and instructions issued in the 24/11/2014 Nashik Municipal Corporation with the help Police department have not yet surveyed the spots to erect barricades to prevent the vehicles from reaching the bank of Godavari river. They must survey the sites within two days and report to the committee.

10) It was discussed in meeting that there is need to implement provisions of law stringently to control pollution. Prohibitory order by Police Commissioner is in force to direct people not to pollute river. During Election Process while implementing provisions of Model Code of Conduct; if order issued by public servant is disobeyed, then Section 188 of IPC is applied in that cases. Similarly in Godavari River pollution case also when prohibitory order is disobeyed **Section 188 of IPC must be applied**. Also Muddemal which pollute river must be confiscated. Police department should take necessary steps and apply Section 188 of IPC in cases where prohibitory order is disobeyed.

MPCB also take prompt steps for filing complaints u/s 49 of The Water (Prevention And Control Of Pollution) , Act 1974. Stringent punishment/penalty from various sections of The Indian Penal Code, Criminal procedure Code, Bombay police Act and The Maharashtra Prevention of Defacement of Properties Act should be studied by the Police Department for strict implementation.

12) Nashik Municipal Corporation should check the township or other similar projects which got Environment clearance , whether they follow norms regarding the treatment of sewage and its reuse.

13) Issue of Ecological Flow also discussed . The quantity estimated by NEERI need to be verified by irrigation department and water availability in dam

14) Nashik Municipal Corporation along with the Irrigation Department to measure and demarcate the boundaries of river to insure that there are no encroachments which causes pollution in Godavari River.

15) Use of "Green Kumbh" logo by all the implementing Government Departments while Sending the reports on 5<sup>th</sup> day of every month.



Divisional Commissioner Nashik