

## MAHARASHTRA POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

**Sub :** Minutes of the Meeting held for Review of Status of Implementation of Action Plan for Control of Air Pollution in Pune City.

**Date:** 2nd December, 2009

**Venu:** Pune Municipal Corporation, Pune

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A meeting for the review of status of implementation of Action Plan for control of air pollution at Pune on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2009 at Pune Municipal Corporation under the chairmanship of Mrs. Valsa R. Nair Singh. Secretary, Environment Following officials were present:

1. Mrs. Valsa R. Nair Singh. IAS, Secretary, Environment.
2. Shri Deepak Kapoor, IAS, Commissioner, RTA
3. Shri Mahesh Zagade, IAS, Municipal Commissioner, PMC
4. Shri M. S. Devanikar, IAS, Addl. Mun. Commissioner, PMC
5. Shri Bhanudas Mane, Dy. Mun. Commissioner, PMC
6. Shri Jayant Patil, Addl. Transport Commissioner, MSRTC, Mumbai.
7. Shri R.H. Patil, Regional Manager, MSRTC (ST).
8. Shri Mangesh Dighe, Environment Officer, PMC, Pune
9. Dr. Ajay Deshpande, Regional Officer, I/c PCI-II, MPCB, Mumbai
10. Dr. Rakesh Kumar, NEERI, Mumbai
11. Shri Anil Valiv, Dy. Regional Transport Officer, Solapur.
12. Ms. Amita Baikerkar, Sr. Asstt. Director, ARAI, Pune.
13. Shri Kartik Tikva, Dy. Manager, CNG, MGNL, Pune
14. Ms. Alka Gadgil, Env. Deptt., Pune University, Pune
15. Shri P.K. Mirashe, Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune.

Principal Secretary (Environment) welcomed all the participant and the meeting started with permission of Chair. Dr. Ajay Deshpande, R.O. PCI-II MPCB gave a presentation on the status of compliance reported by various agencies involved in the implementation of Pune Action Plans. The discussions

took place on the status of compliance of various directions issued by MPCB to implementing agencies as per EPCA which is as below.

1. Supply of CNG as auto fuel for public transport buses plying in Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation Areas.

- Chairperson, enquired from the officers of MNGL about the present status on supply of CNG in Pune. The MNGL representative has stated that they had laid 12" under ground steel pipeline from Chinchwad to Shivajinagar. Except a small portion of 0.5 kms near

CME area, where there is no permission available for laying of the pipeline. Due to which the commissioning of mother station at Shivaji Nagar is pending.

- On the statement made by the Maharashtra Natural Gas Ltd.(MNGL)., representative, Shri Deepak Kapoor, Transport Commissioner, Shri Mahesh Zagade, Municipal Commissioner, PMC and the chairperson had expressed the important role of MNGL and articulated displeasure towards the progress of MNGL.
- The Chairperson directed to to the MNGL to meet with PCMC officials on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2009 and submit fresh proposal of laying of pipelines and CNG stations (retail outlets) in and around Pune and Pimpri Chinchwad area within a week including the enhanced requirement of CNG. she also directed that the Pune Municipal Commissioner should extend necessary support to MNGL to sort out the above mentioned issues.

**Decision:**

- MNGL shall submit fresh proposal of laying of pipelines and CNG stations (retail outlets) in and around Pune and Pimpri Chinchwad area within a week including the enhanced requirement of CNG.
  - PMC and PCMC should extend necessary support to MNGL and ensure the completion of pipeline and functioning of the CNG station.
2. Conversion of auto rickshaws to LPG, which are more than 15 years old and plying in Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation Area A. One year B. Six month
- The Commissioner (Transport) mentioned that the total No. of LPG vehicles 35851 CNG vehicles- 2719 The PMC representative stated that they have 85 nos PMPML buses.
  - The Pune Municipal Corporation and Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation were directed to see the financial incentives/assistance for eco-friendly transport ( retroffing of LPG kits by rickshaws etc.,).
3. Improvement in the Public Transport System and Transportation in PMC/PCMC areas.
- The Pune Municipal Corporation representative stated that the augmentation of the bus fleet for Pune city is in two forms, by hiring buses as well as purchasing new buses. The proposal to purchase new buses for the PMT is under process.
  - The Pune Municipal Corporation and Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation were directed to follow the strict guidelines of EPCA regarding parking policy and public transport.
  - ARAI officials were informed to submit the detailed proposal regarding Inspection & Certification Centre with cost factor to MPCB.
4. Expeditious completion of By-pass road at Pune.
- PWD directed to complete expeditiously the easterly bye pass road at pune

5. Proposal for providing bus terminals on the outskirts of PMC/PCMC areas.
  - MSRTDC (State Transport) asked to consider the proposal of shifting of Swargate ST terminus outside city as directed earlier by EPCA.
  
6. Implementing of new PUC Norms in Pune as applicable from October 2004
  - ARAI officials were informed to submit the detailed proposal regarding Inspection & Certification Centre with cost factor to MPCB.
  - RTA is directed to prepare policy/guidelines for making every vehicle user to opt for eco-friendly fuel and PUC certificate.
  
- 7: Improvement in air quality monitoring.
  - Pune University officials Mrs Gadgil's request for more AAQM stations is considered and MPCB will commission more AAQM station around Pune.

**Summing-up:**

While summing up the meeting, Chairman of the committee directed that the next meeting will be held after three months for reviewing the directives and all other stake holders should be called for the meeting.

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