

MAHARASHTRA POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17.10.2023 at 1.30 PM, MPCB, HQ, Sion-Mumbai under Chairmanship of Member Secretary, MPCB for Review implementation of Hon'ble NGT order in O.A.1038/2019 with regard to Comprehensive Environmental Pollution Index of Chandrapur MIDC, Tadali MIDC, Ghuggus MIDC & Ballarpur area of Chandrapur District, Maharashtra.

Meeting of the stakeholders of CEPI area for Chandrapur MIDC, Tadali MIDC, Ghuggus MIDC & Ballarpur area of Chandrapur District conducted under the Chairmanship Hon'ble Member Secretary of the MPC Board at Conference Hall, 4th Floor, MPC Board Head Office, Sion, Mumbai-22. List of participants who attended the meeting is attached herewith.

At the outset Dr. V. M. Motghare, Joint Director (APC), welcomed all the stakeholders of CEPI area for Chandrapur MIDC, Tadali MIDC, Ghuggus MIDC & Ballarpur area of Chandrapur District and introduced the purpose of said review meeting. He informed that, in the Application No. 1038/2018, directions are given by Hon'ble NGT regarding CEPI score for Chandrapur MIDC, Tadali MIDC, Ghuggus MIDC & Ballarpur area of Chandrapur District is severe polluted and marginal less compared to the critically polluted area (CPA). Thereafter he requested Regional Officer, Chandrapur to give presentation regarding directions of Hon'ble NGT & responsibility of stakeholders to comply with the same so as to bring down the CEPI of Chandrapur MIDC industries Association, Chandrapur Municipal Corporation, MIDC Chandrapur and Police Department with co-ordination with MPCB by way of abatement of pollution.

Member Secretary discussed the various aspects contributing to CEPI index and pointed out that all the stake holders shall take collective efforts to come out from CEPI area and to reduce the CEPI score, to comply with the directions of Hon'ble NGT. He showed his displeasure about increase in CEPI score of Chandrapur.

Accordingly, Regional Officer, Chandrapur has made Presentation with the short-term, long-term measures.

The major points of discussion in the said meeting are as under:


1. Measures to be taken for reduction of pollution index of Chandrapur City.
-Corporation shall increase the frequency of sweeping & cleaning of roads. Encourage public to use electric vehicles. Increase the vigilance to prevent roadside burning of coal & MSW by CCMC within 1 month.
2. Treatment & utilization of treated sewage effluent from STPs of Chandrapur City.
-Corporation to provide proper sewage collection network to collect domestic effluent from various locations to existing STP. The treated effluent shall not be discharged into Erai River. The project of study of sewage collection

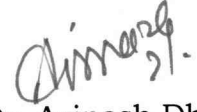
network & upgradation of existing STP may be given to NEERI. The treated domestic effluent may be given to M/s. CSTPS, Chandrapur
- It shall be done by CCMC & MAHAGENCO within 3 months.

3. Provision of By-pass road to avoid heavy traffic in Chandrapur City.
- Issue necessary directions to Public Works Department regarding provision of by-pass road to avoid heavy traffic in Chandrapur city within 15 days.
4. Air Pollution due to Chandrapur Super Thermal Power Station, Chandrapur. During discussion MAHAGENCO has informed unit No. 3 to 7 are old ones. They have prepared retrofication proposal for unit no. 5 & 6. Also total renovation of unit no. 3 & 4. The work of the same shall be done soon. Air Pollution due to Chandrapur Super Thermal Power Station, Chandrapur
- M/s. CSTPS, Chandrapur to submit time bound program for provision of necessary air pollution control systems to achieve the emission standards.
- It shall be done by MAHAGENCO within 15 days.
5. Vigilance on industries in CEPI Area.
-Board Officials to increase their vigilance for verification of compliance status.
6. Measures to be taken by the industries specifically Sponge Iron Units, WCL, TPP & Cement to improve the air quality.
-WCL shall prepare disposal plan for mine water, augmentation of ground water, proper coverage of coal transporting vehicles. Action plan for remaining road concretization.
-It shall be done by all industries continuously.
7. Air pollution due to vehicles in MIDC Tadali was discussed in detail alongwith the industry representatives of MIDC Tadali. They have informed that, the road condition needs to be improved by cleaning & wetting of Roads in MIDC Tadali to reduce air pollution.
- Necessary directions to be issue directions to MIDC & industries in MIDC Tadali within 15 days.
8. Action plan for installation of closed conveyer system for coal transportation by WCL.
-The WCL authority to submit time bound action plan for provision of conveyer system for coal transportation. All coal transporting vehicles shall be covered with tarpaulin sheets by WCL within 15 days.
11. Due to OB dumps of WCL, flooding situation arises during monsoon.
-WCL shall store OB at demarked location as per mining plan with proper control measures to avoid dust emission while handling within 15 days.
12. The issue of air pollution during transportation due to non-covering of mineral carrying trucks by tarpaulin.
-The RTO authorities to increase their vigilance. The industry shall not receive the vehicle if the vehicle is not covered with tarpaulin sheets properly.

13. Issue regarding damage of crops on roadside agricultural fields due to vehicular movement of mineral carrying trucks.
-The work may be given to NEERI to ascertain the damage of crop due to Pollution by Agriculture Dept within 1 month.
14. Discussion on health impact due to air pollution was discussed in detail.
- Health report shall submit report regularly(Quarterly basis) by District Health Officer, Civil Surgeon & Medical Superintendent.
15. Sewage generated from Ballarpur Town directly discharged into Wardha River through local nallas which deteriorates the water quality of Wardha River.
-Ballarpur Municipal Council shall submit time bound program for completion of remaining work within 1 month.

The meeting was ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


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