

**Minutes of the 1st RRC meeting held on 31.12.2018 convened by the
Chairman of RRC and Chief Secretary, Govt. of Telangana on Restoration of
Polluted River Stretches**

The following RRC committee members, officers and representatives of NEERI attended the meeting:

1	Sri Ajay Mishra, I.A.S., Spl. Chief Secretary, EFS&T Dept., Govt. of Telangana
2	Sri Arvind Kumar, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Government, MA&UD Department, Govt. of Telangana
3	Sri Jayesh Ranjan, I.A.S., Principal Secretary, Industries and Commerce Dept., Govt. of Telangana
4	Sri M. Dana Kishore, I.A.S., Managing Director, HMWS&SB
5	Sri B. Kalyan Chakravathy, I.A.S., Director General, EPTRI
6	Sri P. Satyanarayana Reddy, I.A.S., Member Secretary, T.S. Pollution Control Board, Hyderabad
7	Sri E.V.Narsimha Reddy, Vice Chairman & Managing Director (FAC), TSIIIC
8	Representative from Finance Dept., Govt. of Telangana
9	Sri R. Dhan Singh, Engineer-in-Chief, Public Health Dept.
10	Sri Ch. Muralidhar, Engineer-in-Chief, Irrigation Dept.
11	Sri B. Narender, Deputy Director, State Ground Water Dept.
12	Sri S. Basha, Scientist & Head, NEERI, Hyderabad

At the outset, with the permission of the Chairman and Chief Secretary, Govt. of Telangana, the Member Secretary, PCB initiated the proceedings and welcomed the Chairman and members of the River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) on polluted river stretches for the first meeting of the committee.

The Member Secretary, TSPCB apprised the significance of the meeting in context to the directions issued by Hon'ble NGT in O.A.No.673 / 2018, dated: 20.09.2018 and latest directions of NGT during the hearing held on 19.12.2018 on Restoration of Polluted River Stretches and preparation of action plan for polluted river stretches in the State of Telangana.

The Member Secretary has explained the issues concerned with the Hon'ble NGT directions through presentation.

- CPCB has identified 8 river stretches in Telangana State based on the BOD levels and Priority criteria category and directed to form Sewage Management Committee in its workshop held on 08.01.2018.
- Accordingly, EFS&T Dept., has constituted Sewage management committee vide GO Rt.No.769, dated: 06.09.2018.
- The committee held its 1st meeting on 16.10.2018 with the stake holder departments to discuss the model action plan prepared by CPCB for Hindon river and decided to address a letter for NEERI to take up the study for preparation of action plan for the 8 polluted river stretches.

- Subsequently, a meeting was convened by the Chairman, TSPCB & Chief Advisor, Government of Telangana on 13.11.2018 and it was decided to examine the proposals of NEERI for awarding of work on preparation of action plan. Accordingly, MA&UD Dept., has issued work order to NEERI on 05.12.2018 for preparation of action plan for polluted river stretches for an amount of Rs.63,07,100/-.

- In compliance with the Hon'ble NGT directions, the EFS&T Department, Govt. of Telangana vide GO Rt.No.191, dated: 29.11.2018 has constituted the "River Rejuvenation Committee" (RRC).

Dr. Basha, Head & Scientist, NEERI has also explained by presentation on the progress of draft action plan before the RRC committee members and also requested for the short falls of the data from Irrigation, Public Health and State Ground Water Departments.

The following decisions were taken during the 1st RRC meeting:

1. The Chairman, RRC and Chief Secretary to Govt. of Telangana has directed the NEERI to submit the draft action plan covering all aspects of technical, physical, financial and also the guidelines suggested by the NGT order before 15th Jan., 2019.
2. The Chairman of RRC and Chief Secretary also directed the committee members and concerned departments such as Irrigation, Public Health and State Ground Water Dept., for immediate sharing of the data by 5th Jan., 2019 required for finalisation of draft action plan by the NEERI.
3. It was proposed that HMWS&SB to be the Nodal Agency on STPs for the entire state as HMWS&SB is having the required expertise in this regard.
4. The Chairman of RRC and Chief Secretary has directed that I&CAD Department will be the concerned department to monitor the water quantities and the TSPCB the concerned Agency to monitor the water quality of all rivers in the State.
5. It was also decided that the RRC will have 2nd meeting on 17th Jan., 2019 at 11.00A.M. to discuss the draft action plan for finalisation and submitting the same to CPCB before 31.01.2019.

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Spl. Chief Secretary, EFS&T Dept.
Vice-chairman, RRC

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Chief Secretary, Govt. of Telangana
Chairman, RRC

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MEMBER SECRETARY, TSPCB
Member-Convenor, RRC

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