



**Minutes of the meeting chaired by the Secretary on 11.10.2023
to comply the orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal
in O.A. No. 673/2018**

The meeting via video conferencing commenced at 3 P.M with the Secretary, Environment Department in chair. District Collector, Idukki, Secretary, Water Resources, Directors of Panchayaths & Urban Affairs, Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority, Chief Engineer, Irrigation, Joint Director, LSGD and Executive Director, Suchithwa Mission, Secretary, Kochi Corporation, Member Secretary, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, ID Wing Industries, Secretaries of concerned Local Bodies, Additional Secretary, Environment and other officers concerned were present.

The MS, KSPCB gave a brief introduction about the OA 673/2018 and presented details of waste water projects in various stages. Details of projects in DPR stage (31nos), DPR approved (4 nos), sanctioned (4 nos), tendering (12 no.s), re tendering (2 nos), tendered (4 nos) and work awarded (1 no) projects are discussed. Projects which are under construction (17 nos) were also discussed. For some projects no progress is achieved in last 3 months. When the Secretary enquired whether the projects can be satisfactorily completed within the timeline, the MS, KSPCB replied that effective measures are adopting to complete the mission within the stipulated time. The following projects were discussed in detail:

1. STP at Edakochi South- Deputy Mission Director, AMRUT said that work had started, but stopped due to public protest. The Secretary, Kochi Corporation said that Hon'ble Mayor had held a meeting on 02.08.2023 to solve the issue, but public protest is still existing.

(Action: Director, Urban Affairs / Secretary, Kochi Corporation)

2. Progress of STP under construction : The Director, Urban Affairs said that under AMRUT scheme, 19 projects were approved by DPC and out of that 18 were sanctioned under SBM. Some DPRs of the projects will submit before the State Level Technical Committee for approval.

(Action: Director, Urban Affairs)

3. FSTP at Munnar – Project stayed by Hon'ble High Court due to petition from Kanan Devan Hill Company. The land allocated for solid waste treatment belongs to their property. Suchithwa Mission said that 98% work have been completed at Pambad Housing colony in Malappuram (0.11MLD), but not able to put trial run.

(Action: LSGD)

4. Eviction of Encroachment – Chief Engineer, Irrigation said that 290 petitions were received and action is going on. Secretary directed Irrigation Department to share the details with Land Revenue Commissioner to fix timeline for completion of eviction.

(Action: Chief Engineer, Irrigation)

5. E-flow of river - Chief Engineer, Irrigation reported that E-flow was done for 40 rivers. A committee was formed to recalculate the E-flow and as per the instructions of Secretary, Water Resources it has to be reconstituted with more members. It was informed that methodology will be finalized within two months.

(Action: Chief Engineer, Irrigation)

General Instructions

Secretary, Environment instructed, MS, KSPCB to monitor the progress of projects and make earnest efforts to complete the projects within timeline. Details of delayed projects need to be reported in next review meeting for further action. All implementing agencies shall report the details to KSPCB.

The meeting came to a close by 3.25 pm.

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