

Subject:- Minutes of the 1st meeting of District Level Special Task Force (DLSTF) held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur on 30.11.2018 at 11.00 AM, in compliance to Hon'ble NGT Order dated 07.08.2018.

At the outset of the Meeting, the Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Sangrur welcomed the Chairman and members of the District Level Special Task Force. The list of Officials, who attended the meeting, is attached as **Annexure - 1**.

The Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Sangrur apprised that the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal vide order dtd. 07.08.2018 has issued directions for the preparation of an action plan with firm time lines for preventing discharge of untreated effluents into the River Ghaggar by setting up appropriate anti pollution devices such as STP / ETP / CETP or any other such instruments. The action plan must be realistic and provide for speedy mechanism. Accordingly, in compliance to the NGT order dtd. 07.08.2018, the Department of Science Technology and Environment vide order dtd. 14.11.2018, has constituted a State Level Special Task Force (SLSTF) and District Level Special Task Force (DLSTF). The District Level Special Task Force has to take action with regard to the mandate of the Task Force as mentioned in the order dtd. 14.11.2018. As per the directions, District Level Special Task Force has been constituted under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur vide Deputy Commissioner Sangrur office order no. 149/MA dated 28/11/2018 and all the members of District Level Special Task Force were requested vide Deputy Commissioner Sangrur office letter no. 23611-629 dated 28/11/2018 to attend the 1st Meeting to be held on 30/11/2018. All the Members present in the meeting were also made aware about the letter written by Justice Pritam Pal, Chairman of Executive Committee, in which it has been mentioned that the District Level Special Task Forces are taking the directions of the Hon'ble NGT contained in orders dated 07/08/2018 in a very casual manner in - as - much as copies of monthly regular report on the front of taking action in the matter are not being sent through email to the Executive Committee constituted by the Hon'ble NGT.

He further informed that as per the record of the Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Sangrur, there is no such industry which discharges its treated / untreated effluent into River Ghaggar directly or indirectly in the Jurisdiction of Distt. Sangrur & Distt. Barnala. However, the treated/untreated domestic effluent of following Municipal Councils/Nagar Panchyats is being discharged into river Ghaggar directly or through tributaries:-

1. Municipal Council, Sunam
2. Municipal Council, Lehra
3. Nagar Panchayat, Moonak
4. Nagar Panchayat, Khanouri
5. Municipal Council, Bhawanigarh
6. Municipal Council, Dhuri
7. Municipal Council, Longowal
8. Nagar Panchayat, Dirba
9. Nagar Panchayat, Cheema
10. Municipal Council, Sangrur

Out of above 10 no. Municipal Councils/Nagar Panchyats, 4 no. Municipal Councils/Nagar Panchayats namely Municipal Council Sunam, Municipal Council Lehra, Nagar Panchayat Moonak & Nagar Panchayat Khanouri have installed Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs) for treatment of domestic effluent of these towns and these STPs have been put into operation. Also, effluent samples of these STPs have been collected by the Punjab Pollution Control Board to ascertain the quality of treated effluent. However, the effluent after STPs is being discharged into river Ghaggar. The remaining 6 no. Municipal Councils/Nagar Panchyats have not installed STPs and untreated domestic effluent is being discharged into drains which ultimately converge with / lead to river Ghaggar.

Thereafter, the Chairman of the District Level Special Task Force (DLSTF) requested the representatives of other departments to present their action plan subsequent to the Order of the Hon'ble NGT dated 07.08.2018.

Sh. Kuljit Singh, Executive Engineer, Department of Irrigation (Drainage), Sangrur informed that they will conduct survey of all the drains/tributaries, which finally converge with river Ghaggar and identify all the sources responsible for discharge of effluent into these drains/tributaries. The complete layout plan of all such drains/tributaries alongwith quantum of discharge will be submitted within 15 days.

Sh. Bhavesh Bansal, Sub Divisional Engineer, Punjab water Supply & Sewerage Board, Sangrur informed that STP of Municipal Council Sunam is in operation, whereas STPs of Municipal Council Lehra, Nagar Panchayat Moonak & Nagar Panchayat Khanouri have been put in operation and are still under stabilization. The stabilization process will be completed upto 31/12/2018. He further informed that STP of Municipal Council Bhawanigarh is under construction and the work regarding installation of STPs for Municipal Council Dhuri, Municipal Council Longowal, Nagar Panchayat Dirba, Nagar Panchayat Cheema & Municipal Council Sangrur is yet to be started.

Sh. Ramtej Singh, Sub Divisional Engineer, Department of Punjab Water Supply & Sanitation, Sangrur informed that the samples of drinking water are being collected regularly. He further informed that no shallow tubewell is being installed by the Department for drinking purpose. The tubewells being installed by the Department are having depth from 400 ft. to 600 ft. He further assured that the water fit for drinking purpose will be supplied to the residents of the area in the vicinity of river Ghaggar.

Sh. D.R. Goyal, Sub Divisional Officer, Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Sangrur informed that the domestic effluent of approximately 10 no. villages is being discharged into river Ghaggar. He assured that a detailed survey will be carried out and list of all the villages discharging untreated effluent into river Ghaggar will be supplied within 15 days alongwith action plan for treatment of wastewater of these villages.

Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, Executive Engineer, Department of Soil & Water Conservation, Sangrur informed that in order to utilize treated effluent of STPs of MC Sunam, MC Lehra, & MC Moonak for irrigation purpose, the Department has already laid pipeline network in the vicinity of these STPs. The pipeline network to utilize treated effluent of STP of Nagar Panchayat Khanouri is yet to be laid. He further informed that during no demand period, the treated effluent of these STPs cannot be utilized for irrigation purpose.

Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Assistant Civil Surgeon, Health Department, Sangrur informed that regular Health camps are being organized by their department. But, recently, no health camp has been organized for the people of villages located in the vicinity of river Ghaggar. He assured to organize health check up camps for people of villages near river Ghaggar.

Sh. Sanjay Kumar Bansal, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Bhawanigarh informed that the STP for treatment of domestic effluent of MC Bhawanigarh is under construction and about 40% civil work has been completed. He assured that the installation of STP will be completed and same will be commissioned by 31/03/2019.

Sh. Maninder Pal Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council Longowal & Nagar Panchayat Cheema informed that tenders have been called for installation of STPs for treatment of domestic effluent of Municipal Council Longowal & Nagar Panchayat Cheema. He further informed that further action will be taken after opening of tenders on 21/12/2018.

Sh. Chander Parkash, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Dirba informed that the funds are yet to be tied up for installation of STP for treatment of domestic effluent of MC Dirba.

The Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Sangrur informed that an email has been received from Office of Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board, Chandigarh intimating that concerned Officer is not available, therefore it is not possible to attend the meeting in such a short period. Further, the Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Dhuri has also failed to attend the meeting.

After detailed deliberations, the following directions were passed by the Chairman of the District Level Special Task Force:

1. The Executive Engineer, Department of Irrigation (Drainage), Sangrur will conduct detailed survey of all the drains/tributaries, which finally converge with river Ghaggar and shall identify all the sources responsible for discharge of effluent into these drains/tributaries. The complete layout plan of all such drains/tributaries alongwith quantum of discharge should be submitted within 15 days.
2. The Executive Engineer, Department of Rural Development & Panchyati Raj will carry out detailed survey of the villages located in the vicinity of river Ghaggar and prepare list of villages, discharging untreated effluent into river Ghaggar directly or through drains / tributaries converging with river Ghaggar alongwith comprehensive action plan for the scientific disposal of waste water of these villages, within 15 days.
3. The Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Sangrur will collect the drinking water samples of all the villages located in catchment area of river Ghaggar and will ensure the supply of safe drinking water to the people of villages located in catchment area of river Ghaggar.
4. The Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Sangrur will ensure proper operation of all the installed STPs and apply for obtaining the Consent to Operate of the Board under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, within 15 days. The department will also submit time bound action plan for installation of remaining STPs, within 15 days.

5. The District Soil Conservation Officer, Department of Soil & Water Conservation, Sangrur will submit layout plan of pipelines for the utilization of treated domestic effluent after STPs of MC Sunam, MC Lehra, & MC Moonak alongwith the total catchment area, within 15 days. The Department will also prepare action plan for laying of pipeline for utilization of treated domestic effluent of STP of Nagar Panchayat Khanauri.
6. The Civil Surgeon, Health Department, Sangrur, will prepare action plan for holding medical camps in the villages located near River Ghaggar and submit the same, within 15 days.
7. The Executive Officers, Municipal Council, Bhawanigarh / Municipal Council, Dhuri / Municipal Council, Longowal / Municipal Council, Sangrur / Nagar Panchayat, Dirba / Nagar Panchayat, Cheema shall submit time bound action plan for installation and completion of STPs for treatment of domestic effluent, within 15 days.
8. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Sangrur will register FIR against the violators, which are / will be found discharging effluent through illegal mode of disposal into river Ghaggar.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure-1

List of participants, of the First meeting of District Level Special Task Force held on 30.11.2018 in Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur Office under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur in compliance to Hon'ble NGT Order dated 07.08.2018 in the case of River Ghaggar.

Sr. No.	Name of the Officials, Designation / Department
1.	Sh. Rajdeep Singh Brar, Additonal Deputy Commissioner (G), Sangrur
2.	Sh. Suba Singh, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Moonak
3.	Sh. Harinder Singh, SP (H), Sangrur
4.	Sh. Harjeet Singh, Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Sangrur
5.	Sh. Kuljit Singh, Executive Engineer, Department of Irrigation (Drainage), Sangrur
6.	Sh. Sukhwinder Singh, Executive Engineer, Department of Soil & Water Conservation, Sangrur
7.	Sh. Subash Chand, Sub Divisional Officer, Department of Irrigation (Drainage), Sangrur
8.	Sh. Bhavesh Bansal, Sub Divisional Engineer, Department of Punjab water Supply & Sewerage, Sangrur
9.	Sh. Ramtej Singh, Sub Divisional Engineer, Department of Punjab Water Supply & Sanitation, Sangrur
10.	Sh. D.R. Goyal, Sub Divisional Officer, Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Sangrur
11.	Sh. Harinder Singh, Assistant Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Sangrur
12.	Dr. Daljeet Singh, District Immunization Officer, Health Department, Sangrur
13.	Dr. Parminder Kaur, Deputy Medical Commissioner, Health Department, Sangrur
14.	Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Assistant Civil Surgeon, Health Department, Sangrur
15.	Sh. Sanjay Kumar Bansal, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Bhawanigarh
16.	Sh. Satish Kumar Garg, Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Moonak
17.	Sh. Chander Parkash, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Dirba
18.	Sh. Lal Singh, Junior Engineer, Municipal Council, Dirba
19.	Sh. Mukesh Kumar, Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Khanouri
20.	Sh. Ashish Kumar, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Lehragaga
21.	Sh. Maninder Pal Singh, Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Longowal & Nagar Panchayat, Cheema
22.	Sh. Ankush Singla, Sanitary Inspector, Municipal Council, Sunam
23.	Sh. Rajesh Kumar, Sanitary Inspector, Municipal Council, Bhawanigarh
24.	Sh. Mohd. Tahir, Sanitary Inspector, Municipal Council, Sangrur
25.	Sh. Kirandeep Sahota, Clerk, Municipal Council, Sunam