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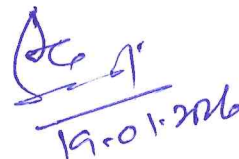
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: 20th Meeting (Part-II) of Central Monitoring Committee in the NGT Matter
OA No. 673 of 2018.**

A copy of Minutes of the 20th Meeting (Part-II) of Central Monitoring Committee in the NGT matter O.A. No. 673 of 2018 held on **19.08.2025** under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Water Resources, RD&GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti is forwarded herewith for information/ necessary action.

Encl: As above.


19.01.2026

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Minutes of the 20th meeting (Part-II) of the Central Monitoring Committee held on 19.08.2025 regarding 351 polluted river stretches based on the directions of Hon'ble NGT in the matter OA No. 673 of 2018

The 20th meeting (Part-II) of the Central Monitoring Committee (CMC) constituted by Hon'ble NGT in the matter OA No. 673 of 2018 was held at NMCG in hybrid mode with 15 States/ UTs on 19.08.2025 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS).

The list of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

Meeting began with a brief account of mandates given to CMC following the Hon'ble NGT Order in 2019. NMCG efforts of requesting States for regular meetings of RRC having Priority-I and Priority-II polluted river stretches were also highlighted. Power-point presentations made during the meeting to highlight major issues of various states is attached as **Annexure-II**.

A. State/UT-wise Review & Directions

1. Punjab

- 1.1 In compliance to the 19th meeting of CMC, and a decision taken in a meeting with the State of Punjab in October 2024, Joint Group formed for diagnosing the issues of pollution in Buddha Nallah submitted its report to Ministry on 13th August, 2025.
- 1.2 The Chair directed the State:
 - (i) to confirm the action proposed to be taken by the State in accordance to the submission of report by the Joint Group
 - (ii) to indicate the reason for not taking samples from the 3 CETPs in Ludhiana for monitoring.
- 1.3 State informed that the CETPs in Ludhiana (40, 50 & 15 MLD) were given closure directions in 2024 for not meeting the discharge standards as per the inspections carried out by CPCB. However, the closure directions has been stayed by Hon'ble NGT. The issue is expected to be resolved in subsequent hearings of NGT.
 - 1.3.1 Further, a High-Level Committee has been constituted in July, 2025 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Industries & Commerce, Govt of Punjab to oversee and implement comprehensive solutions for rejuvenation and pollution control of Buddha Nallah.
- 1.4 State informed that the work of 1 pending Intermediate Pumping Station in the catchment area of Buddha Nallah has been completed and is under testing & stabilization. To prevent discharge of cow dung into the sewerage system, cow dungs are being directly lifted from the Dairies. To further resolve the issue, two Compressed Biogas plants are planned. The report submitted by the Joint Group shall be presented in the next meeting of High-Level Committee formed in the State.
- 1.5 The Chair emphasized that the effort in Buddha Nallah restoration should be visible in the outcomes. The Action Points as recommended by the Joint Group in its report to be divided into short, medium and long-term.

- 1.5.1 State to implement feasible Action Points, such as ensuring 200 cusecs of freshwater flows from Neelon drain into Buddha Nallah consistently.
- 1.5.2 The Action Points proposed to be taken up by the State may be indicated along with timelines and with the estimate of reduction in pollution load expected from implementing the Action Point and improvement expected in the water quality of the drain.
- 1.5.3 State to also ensure that the existing STP infrastructure are optimally utilized.
- 1.5.4 The copy of minutes of the HLC meetings to be shared with the Ministry.
- 1.5.5 Chief Secretary, Punjab agreed to look into the recommendations made by the Committee.

[Action: State of Punjab]

2. Maharashtra

- 2.1 State informed that a State River Rejuvenation Authority is proposed to be set up as per the provisions in clause 3 of EPA Act.
 - 2.1.1 Real-Time water quality sensors based on new technology are proposed to be set up on pilot basis at 10 locations for monitoring and for planning adequate abatement measures.
 - 2.1.2 The total sewage generation in the State as per the latest data provided by the ULBs works out to be 9190 MLD.
 - 2.1.3 Out of the 11 STPs planned for Pune, 10 STPs are under progress, of which 5 STPs are expected to be commissioned in September, 2025. The 11th STP was held up due to Forest clearance, which has now been received and land is to be transferred. Sewer lines are being laid.
- 2.2 The Chair observed that the low-capacity utilization of the existing STPs (64%) remains a major issue and the same to be highlighted to the Chief Secretary.
 - 2.2.1 State was urged to ensure that the existing sewage treatment infrastructure are optimally utilized. The State to diagnostically review city by city each and every existing STP and submit a report to Ministry of Jal Shakti within a month.
 - 2.2.2 Multiple Water Management Authority operational in the State, which needs to be coordinated for proper management of the Water Resources.
 - 2.2.3 Floodplain Technical Guidelines to be implemented by the State by identifying priority stretches keeping in view the unpredictable nature of monsoon.
- 2.3 DG, NMCG remarked that considering the high number of ULBs in the State, good monitoring mechanism needs to be put in place for managing the existing sewage infrastructure. This can be done by involving the DMs, region wise. Further, the State River Rejuvenation Authority may connect with Namami Gange Mission for gaining the insights and experiences acquired.

[Action: State of Maharashtra]

3. Tripura

- 3.1 State informed that only one river stretch (Haora) remains polluted under Priority V. Regular meetings of RRC are being held

and last meeting was held on 12.08.2025. State has requested CPCB to consider the sewage generation of 227.43 MLD. The two existing STPs of 8 MLD each are being fully utilized and complying with the standards. For bridging the gap in sewage generation, work is in progress for 4 STPs of 31.5 MLD, 16.5 MLD STP in 11 ULBs and 2 Oxidation Ponds with completion timeline of March, 2026. Treatment efficiency of the bio-remediation works taken up in 5 drains was assessed by State PCB.

3.1.1 CPCB is to assess the treatment efficiency of the bio-remediation works. Further, it was suggested that instead of in-situ drain treatment, States should adopt low-cost sewage treatment technologies as a long-term pollution abatement measure.

3.2 The Chair directed that-

- i. State to submit documents with regard to the bio-remediation works adopted and its treatment efficiency assessed by the State PCB.
- ii. CPCB to prepare a SOP for sludge withdrawal during implementation of such in-situ treatment technologies.
- iii. DG, NMCG to review the various sewerage treatment options that can be adopted by the hilly States and a draft to be prepared within 3 months. The draft should also include efficiency of the systems and the precautions to be taken while adopting and operating the systems.

[Action: State of Tripura/CPCB/NMCG/NRCD]

4. Sikkim

4.1 The Chair directed the State to ensure the ongoing projects are completed within the committed timelines. Further, the State was strongly urged to take up Floodplain zoning demarcation works, technical guideline for the same was shared by CWC.

[Action: State of Sikkim]

5. Manipur

5.1 State official informed that the 49 MLD STP at Imphal is expected to be completed by 2027. The works of 3 ETPs have completed and 2 ETPs are expected to be completed by December, 2026. The prohibited zone of floodplain of major rivers have been demarcated as per the Manipur Floodplain Act of 1978.

5.1.1 State may like to review FPZ in the state considering Technical Guidelines issued by CWC recently.

[Action: State of Manipur]

6. Assam

6.1 State to ensure timely submission of Monthly Progress Report (MPR). As the last submitted MPR was for the month of June, 2024, State was directed to indicate updated status with regard to the progress made.

6.2 Chair suggested State may implement FSTPs for addressing the sewage treatment requirements of smaller towns. Considering the large geographical area of the State, the gap in sewage management to be reviewed city-wise.

7. Haryana

- 7.1 State informed that unauthorized areas in certain towns in the State are yet to have sewerage system in place, leading to gap in sewage treatment. These areas are either discharging into the drains or are treating using septic tanks. Treatment facilities are proposed to be undertaken for bridging the gap. 128 Mahagams (having population more than 10,000 as per 2011 census) have been identified in the State and sewerage facilities are being planned.
- 7.2 The Chair informed that a detailed meeting was held by DG, NMCG with Chief Secretary, Haryana in July, 2025 and the concerns were highlighted. Action plan and timelines have been prepared for rejuvenation of River Yamuna. One major issue in the State remains, the deteriorating water quality in drains, despite availability of sufficient sewage treatment capacity.
- 7.2.1 DG, NMCG highlighted that gap in sewage treatment exists in Gurugram and Faridabad, for which State needs to expedite the projects.

[Action: State of Haryana]

8. Odisha

- 8.1 State informed that Odisha is extensively utilizing FSTPs in all the ULBs including sewerage areas. Further, to address the issue of grey water coming from soak pits, extensive design has been completed for all ULBs. Strategy is to intercept and divert the grey water and to treat before discharging.
- 8.1.1 With regard to increasing the capacity utilization of the existing STPs, State has now planned to connect the houses to the sewerage networks through its own funding. Work is in progress for laying 785 km in slum areas and is expected to be completed within 24 months. This shall increase the flow to STPs by 72 MLD. Tender is under finalization for another patch and these shall address the issue of low-capacity utilization of the existing STPs, which were planned considering the future population.
- 8.1.2 River Gangua is a tributary of River Daya and 11 natural drains discharging into the river, needs to be treated. The State Water Resource has finalized plan for treatment of these drains and 4 facultative ponds of 45 MLD giving partial treatment have been established. Further, a 60 MLD STP is planned before confluence to the river. The I&D plan shall take 24-36 months.
- 8.1.3 For restoration of the model river identified by the State - Kathajodi, extensive work has been done in Cuttack by utilizing JICA and State Government funds. 362 km sewer network has been laid and 15,000 km households have been linked with sewerage. Box Drain has been created for 22 km, wherein the small drains are converged and covered and ultimately treated in the STP.

- 8.1.3 For management of solid waste, Waste to Energy plants are planned in the State.
- 8.2 Chair appreciated the works carried out by the State and remarked that River Gangua, downstream of Bhubaneswar, categorized as Priority-I polluted river stretch, be taken up for restoration on priority basis by the State.

[Action: State of Odisha]

9. Mizoram

- 9.1 State was directed to ensure that the existing 10 MLD STP is optimally utilized. Further, details related to Solid Waste Management in the State be properly indicated in the MPR submissions.
- 9.2 State informed that 10 MLD STP was constructed with a design year of 2045. Furthermore, water supply rate in the State remains 60-70 LPCD instead of 135 LPCD. Only 23,000 house sewer connections have been made and State is pursuing for increasing the household connections. For bridging the gap in sewage generation and treatment, 23 DPRs have been prepared and is expected to be materialized soon.
- 9.2.1 0.054 million hectares have been identified as floodplain zone in Mizoram. A Floodplain Zone Act has been drafted and the same shall be presented before the Cabinet shortly. Certain projects with regard to floodplain zoning are proposed to be undertaken in consultation with Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- 9.2.2 SWM Center at Aizawl and Kolasib are working. Ongoing SWMCs at Champhai and Lunglei-I almost complete. Work for establishment of SWMC in progress at Lunglei-II, Lawngtlai, Siaha and Saitual.
- 9.3 Chair suggested that considering the difficulties in laying sewer network in the hilly areas, State may explore the feasibility of adopting FSTPs for addressing the issue of liquid waste management.

[Action: State of Mizoram]

- 9.3.1 State informed that due to scarcity of water, liquid waste management remains an issue in the State and as per the guidelines indicated under AMRUT 2.0 program, standalone FSTPs are prohibited. Chair directed that the matter of prohibition of standalone FSTP be looked into by NRCB/ NMCG.

[Action: NRCB/NMCG]

10. Nagaland

- 10.1 State was directed to ensure that the existing 25 MLD STP is optimally utilized. Gap in sewage generation and treatment and solid waste management needs to be addressed by the State.

[Action: State of Nagaland]

- 10.2 State informed that treatment plants under AMRUT are proposed along Kohima which shall address 4 river stretches (Dzuna, Dzu, Dzucha and Sano) and is under tendering currently and is expected to be completed by next year. Two interventions are planned along River Dhansiri. The 25.43 MLD existing STP is currently operational at 18.4 MLD, as the design

period for the same is 30 years. The gap in sewage generation and treatment in the State has been worked out and the revised gap in treatment comes out to be 53 MLD. The projects proposed under AMRUT and a project planned for Mokokchung town shall further reduce the gap in sewage treatment to 11-12 MLD.

- 10.3 Chair directed the State to submit details of revised sewage generation and gap in treatment so that the same can be verified by CPCB. Further, State to ensure that the Draft Floodplain Zoning Bill be aligned with the new Technical Guideline shared by CWC.

[Action: State of Nagaland/CPCB]

11. UT of Daman, Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli

- 11.1 UT was directed to ensure that the existing 13 MLD STP is optimally utilized. No progress achieved with regard to Action Plan for Coastal Pollution Management.

11.1.1 State informed that the low-capacity utilization of the 13 MLD existing STP at DNH is due to delay in house sewer connections. 25,000 household were to be connected; work order has been given for 6000 connections and tender for remaining 19,000 connections to be processed within a month. With regard to the proposed 10 MLD STP at Daman, overlaying of the pipeline networks and the house hold connections have been done so that by the time STP is completed, the network is made operational.

- 11.1.2 Chair directed UT to monthly review the status of house sewer connections.

[Action: UT of DDDNH]

12. Andhra Pradesh

- 12.1 State informed that State had taken up construction of 345 STPs (1350 MLD), of which STPs of 638 MLD are in different stages of construction and 168 STPs are in DPR/ tender stage. Due to financial issues, the projects got delayed. With change in Government, all the projects were reviewed in detail and restructuring of the projects have been undertaken. Funding of these projects is through AMRUT 2.0, UIDA and AIB. The projects are now being taken up on revised estimate and by 15th September 2025, all the works under tendering is to be concluded. Considerable progress is expected in these projects in the next quarter.

12.1.1 With regard to Rajamahendravaram project, it was informed that on 16th August 2025, Rs. 25 crores have been released by the State Finance Department, which includes Rs. 15 crores of Central share, the same shall be utilized and request for next installment shall be submitted shortly to NRCD.

12.1.2 The proposed Government land for the 8 MLD STP for Narsapur town was dropped due to public opposition and a private land has been acquired.

12.1.3 Around 85.9 lakh metric ton of legacy waste was to be remediated, of which 59 lakh metric ton of legacy waste has been treated. The remaining is expected to be cleared by October 2025.

- 12.2 Chair directed the State to refer to the Technical Guidelines on Flood Plain Zoning published by CWC. **It was remarked that the Ministry won't**

be able to give any resources under Flood Management Program, if the States/ UTs do not show any substantial progress on Floodplain zoning.

[Action: State of Andhra Pradesh]

13. Jharkhand

13.1 The State informed that to address the issues of pollution in rivers, DPR is under preparation for remaining areas of Ranchi and Dhanbad, funding for the same is being explored. The capacity utilization of 2 STPs - Rajmahal & Sahibganj is low and remains 22% and 40% respectively, as these STPs were built as per the design period of 30 years. Further, State is looking for State/ Central funds for installing 33 STPs of more than 800 MLD capacity. The delay in completion of on-going Adityapur STP was due to contractor issue, which is being pursued and the project is expected to be completed by December, 2025.

13.1.1 Jharkhand Waste Water Policy 2017 exists. A technical team was formed for reviewing the policy in terms of the National Framework on Safe Reuse of Treated Water. Recommendations have been given by the team and the same shall be incorporated.

13.2 Chair directed the State

- i. to closely monitor the ongoing critical projects
- ii. to take intermediate arrangement such as FSTPs for addressing the pollution issue till the proposed Big Sewerage projects are sanctioned and completed. Exploring the option of septage Co-treatment in the STPs, which shall enhance the capacity utilization of the STPs.
- iii. To consider replicating Odisha Model.

[Action: State of Jharkhand]

13.2.1 State informed that in all 49 ULBs either FSTPs/Septage Management or sewerage infrastructure is being undertaken. FSTPs are operational at a number of locations, 24 FSTPs are under tendering and DPR is under preparation for 5-6 FSTPs.

13.3.2 Chair directed NMCG to convene a separate meeting with the State for a detailed review of the actions proposed to be taken.

[Action: NMCG]

14. Himachal Pradesh

14.1 The Chair raised concern over the increase in number of polluted river stretches. Keeping in view of the recent calamities, it was emphasized that floodplain zoning assumes huge importance. Technical Guidelines have been issued by CWC. State must take action for floodplain zoning. Central resources for flood management won't be made available to States/UTs not taking up floodplain zoning. Further, State was directed to provide brief on the Baddi issue. It was also emphasized that State may carefully look into the solid waste management along the rivers in consideration with the Tourist footfall in these areas.

14.1.1 The State informed that CPCB was requested to review and consider the latest water quality monitoring data, which shows considerable improvement. RRC meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Chief

Secretary, Himachal Pradesh on 29th July, 2025 and the Action Plans for the Priority-I polluted river stretches have been revised.

- 14.1.2 With regard to floodplain zoning, it was informed that 7 stretches have been identified. Works have started on River Beas and its 3 sub-tributaries. Proposals have been formulated for rivers - Pabbar, Seer khad, Ravi and Chakki.
- 14.1.3 With regard to solid waste management, it was informed that well established solid waste collection and disposal system is functional in the 60 ULBs. However, keeping in view of the issue of solid waste in tourist spots, which is mainly beyond the ULB jurisdiction, Government of Himachal Pradesh has tendered out projects for installing 35 plastic management units in rural areas. Further, Integrated Waste Management facilities for treating urban and rural waste together are being planned.
- 14.1.4 DG, NMCG highlighted that to address the issue of solid waste in drains and rivers, dedicated points may be identified and interceptor system may be deployed.

[Action: State of Himachal Pradesh]

15. Chhattisgarh

- 15.1 Chair remarked that comprehensive action needs to be taken up by the State with regard to restoration of the polluted river stretches and to ensure all the river stretches in the State remain clean.

[Action: State of Chhattisgarh]

- 15.1.1 State informed that State Water Resource Department had provided technological support to understand the issue of deterioration of water quality of the river Kharoon. It was identified by the team that there were 7 nalas on right bank and 6 nalas on left bank, which were contributing to the polluted stretch of river Kharoon. STPs are operational in the right bank of the river. Therefore, 3 STPs are now proposed to be taken up under AMRUT 2.0 for treating the discharge from the left bank including the Bhilali Steel Plant area. Understanding the watershed of the river has helped in tackling the issue.
- 15.1.2 With regard to River Arpa, having polluted river stretch within the city jurisdiction of Bilaspur, it was informed that the river remains dry during the period from March to June, therefore work is in progress for construction of two barrages, which shall improve the environment flow of the river as well as enhance the quality of the river.
- 15.1.3 Further, it was informed that post arrival of CWC's Technical Guideline for Floodplain Zoning, an Inter-departmental Committee has been approved by the Chief Secretary, Chhattisgarh, for designing a way for implementing the same in the State. Major concern lies with regard to river Mahanadi & its tributaries and the major cities in its catchment i.e. Raipur and Bilaspur. The State Departments such as Town & Country Planning, Revenue and Water Resources needs to identify the floodplain areas.
- 15.1.4 River Hasdeo has been identified as the Model River.

16. Miscellaneous

Concluding the meeting, the Chair suggested that - (i) States to conduct regular RRC meetings having Priority-I and Priority-II polluted river stretches, and to update and review the Action Plans for their restoration; & (ii) PRS report based on recent data set be published by CPCB at the earliest; (iii) States to connect the STP's OCEMS to the CPCB server (iv) A Nodal Secretary (Either Principal Secretary, Environment or Principal Secretary UDD) may be nominated for coordinating and reviewing at State Level and for representing the State in the meetings of CMC.

[Action: All States/ UTs]

CMC could not take up the review of works in case of - UT of Jammu & Kashmir and Meghalaya due to absence of senior level officials i.e. Chief Secretary of the State or Principal Secretary (Environment/ Urban) in the meeting.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure-I

List of participants:

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12. Dr. Pravin Kumar, Director-Technical, NMCG
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