

Minutes of the First Meeting of State Level Committee for Effective Implementation of Solid Waste Management Rules 2016

Date and Time: 2.30 PM, 15-02-2019

Venue: CM War Room No. 3, 7th floor, Mantralaya

The first meeting of the State Level Monitoring Committee was held on 15/02/2019. Following members of the committee were present for the meeting.

1	Hon'ble Justice Shri J.P. Devadhar, Former Judge, Bombay High Court	Chairman
2	Shri Sham Lal Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Government of Maharashtra	Member
3	Shri Aseemkumar Gupta, Principal Secretary, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development Department, Government of Maharashtra	Member
4	Shri. Muthukrishnan Sankaranarayanan, Commissioner & Director, Directorate Of Municipal Administration	Member
5	Smt. Seema Dhamdhare, Executive Director, Maharashtra Urban Development Mission Directorate, Urban Development Department, Government of Maharashtra – Member	Representative member from UD
6	Joint Director, Public Health Department, Government of Maharashtra	Representative member from Public health Department
7	Shri Suryakant Nikam, Deputy Secretary, Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra	Representative member from Environment Department
8	Shri Sanjay Sandanshiv, Under Secretary, Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra	Representative member from Environment Department
9	Shri E. Ravendiran, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board	Member Secretary

1. The Member Secretary of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) welcomed the Hon'ble Chairman and all committee members and gave a brief background of the matter and informed that the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principal Bench had conducted a meeting of Chief Secretaries, secretaries of Urban Development Departments of all states & Chairman & Member Secretaries of all State Pollution Control Boards on Management of Municipal Solid Wastes on 07/08/2018 & 08/08/2018 through video conferencing and thereupon passed an elaborate order on 20/08/2018, whereby Regional monitoring

committees were constituted to oversee the steps to be taken to give effect to the directions of the Hon'ble Tribunal.

Subsequently, the Hon'ble NGT vide order dated 16/01/2019, directed that instead of having Regional Monitoring Committees constituted vide order dated 20/8/2018, the State Level Monitoring Committees may function in the modified form as directed therein.

In compliance of the order dated 16/01/2019 passed by Hon'ble NGT Principal Bench, New Delhi, the Urban Development Department, Government of Maharashtra has reconstituted a State level monitoring Committee, under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Former Justice Shri J.P. Devadhar and convened the first Meeting today i.e. on 15/02/2019. Other officials from Environment Department, MPCB and Urban Development Department have also attended the meeting.

2. The Member Secretary further briefed about indicative agenda given by Dr. A.B. Akolkar for the first meeting. Member Secretary, MPCB apprised to the Hon'ble Chairman of the Committee that as per the Hon'ble NGT order dated 16/01/2019, the Hon'ble Chief Secretary of Maharashtra has conducted a meeting with all concerned Departments on 05/02/2019.

3. The Hon'ble Chairman of the Committee informed the members/representatives present at the meeting that the time line prescribed for compliance of the Solid Waste Management Rules 2016 is almost over except in case of bio-remediation or capping of old and abandoned dumpsites and it is high time that the Urban Development Department implements the directions contained in the Rules as expeditiously as possible.

4. Thereafter the Director, Municipal Administration of Maharashtra briefed about the status of compliance with respect to Solid Waste Management as follows:

- a. Daily Solid waste generation in Maharashtra is 23,450 tons/day with collection of 88%. Whereas 60% is segregated and about 11,200 tons/day is being scientifically treated that is 49%. Solid waste management action plan is ready for 256 cities out of 374 cities and remaining 118 cities are yet to submit the action plan.
- b. There are total 123 Nagar panchayats with 14 lakh population, which accounts for a small percentage of solid waste generated in the State of Maharashtra. All the Nagar panchayats would submit appropriate action plan for Solid Waste Management by 15th

March, 2019. Executive Director, Swachh Bharat Mission stated that the big municipal corporations are already working for the implementation of Solid Waste action plan.

- c. The officials of MPCB raised an issue that some of the major municipal corporations have not earmarked waste processing site and do not have the processing plants. Ulhasnagar Municipal Corporation was one such corporation, where, land is not yet allotted for solid waste management.
- d. Principal Secretary, Rural Development raised issue of lack of finance for management of solid waste in rural areas. Therefore, he suggested that some finance may be borne by the MPCB.
- e. Additional Chief Secretary, Water Supply and Sanitation Department expressed their views that regional processing plants may not be economically feasible in rural areas with less population density. As an, example he referred to Malkapur Nagar Panchayat of Satara district where the best practices are adopted.
- f. Hon'ble Chairman directed the members/representatives to take necessary steps towards achieving 100% compliance in relation to collection, segregation and scientific treatment of solid waste generated per day. Issue of mixing dry and wet waste after separate collection in Mumbai was also brought to the notice of members/representatives. It was conveyed that Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) is undertaking purchase of trucks with separate compartments and the same will be operational in next few months.

- **Plastic Waste Management Rules**

Shri Gurav, RO (HQ), MPCB gave a brief overview about plastic waste action taken. He stated that 272 plastic manufacturing industries which were manufacturing banned plastic or operating without license, have been closed. The total fine collected is more than 4 crores and that the MPCB officers are monitoring the plastic ban drive. Hon'ble Chairman informed that plastic ban implementation especially in Mumbai area is not satisfactory and suitable alternative steps must be taken. Shri Gurav replied that supply of plastic bags illegally from neighboring States is a major challenge and there are ongoing steps taken by MPCB and Urban Local Bodies to address the issue.

The Member Secretary informed that the MPCB has issued directions to all the local bodies for effective implementation of the Plastic Ban Notification issued in 2018.

Hon'ble Chairman opined that there should be clarity about the banned and allowed plastic items and more public awareness about the plastic use. MPCB officials clarified that the pictorial representation of banned and allowed items is hosted on MPCB website.

Member Secretary, MPCB assured that the mass awareness program will be done and appropriate directions will be given to all local bodies.

- **Bio-Medical Waste Management**

Shri Supate (Principal Scientific Officer, MPCB) gave an overview of the Bio-medical waste (BMW) management in Maharashtra. There is almost 85 to 90% coverage of BMW scientific collection and disposal. Following are the BMW related details:

- Total No's of Common BMW Collection, Treatment and Disposal (CBMWTSDF) authorized by MPCB = 30 Nos.
- No. of Incineration based facilities operational = 28
- No. of Deep Burial Based facilities operational = 2
- Total no. of Health Care Establishments covered = 63,824
- Total no. of Beds served by CBMWTSDF = 2,93,345
- Quantity of BMW collected and treated = 61.91 Tons/Day

For effective implementation of BMW Rules, 2016, need of appropriate inventorization of BMW was highlighted. Pilot scale project for Nashik district's inventory under the supervision of MPCB would be further extended to whole of Maharashtra. Hon'ble Chairman expressed that necessary steps be taken to ensure 100% collection and scientific disposal of BMW.

- **Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste Management Rules**

Shri Gurav, RO (HQ) MPCB informed that C&D waste management is not up to the mark. Member Secretary, MPCB informed that MPCB has issued directions under Section 5 of Environment Protection Act, 1986 to all local bodies for implementation of C&D Rules effectively. Further, he informed that the MPCB has given the authorization to Thane Municipal Corporation to set up recycling facility of C&D waste of 300 tonnes/day capacity and they have started the work of installing the recycling plant. Similarly, Mumbai Municipal Corporation is in the process of floating tender for processing of 1200 tonnes/day.

The Hon'ble Chairman expressed that the timeline for implementation of the said rule has also expired in case of the major corporation areas such as MMRDA, Pune, Nagpur which need special attention for implementation of the said Rules.

Additional Chief Secretary, Water Supply and Sanitation expressed that in the E-waste Management Rules, 2016, the role of local bodies is well-defined. Therefore, all local bodies shall implement the responsibility as per the said rules.

5. Member Secretary, MPCB informed that a separate letter to each district collector/ magistrate will be issued from MPCB to seek the desired information of all four rules. Further it was also decided to carry out visits to some of the corporations, councils and villages.

After due deliberation on above issues, the following directions were given by Hon'ble Chairman:

Sr.No.	Action to be taken	Responsible Authority
1	Committee meeting shall be conducted once in a month.	MPCB
2	Submission of action plan along with time line for implementation with bar chart for all local bodies including nagar panchayat for all solid waste management in the next meeting.	Urban Development Department and Directorate Municipal Administration (DMA)
3	Separate letter to each district collector/ magistrate will be issued to seek the desired information of all four rules.	MPCB
4	Submit the name of their Nodal Officers for the committee to MPCB within 8 days.	MPCB, Environment Department, Urban Development Department, Public Health Department, Rural Development, Water supply and Sanitation Department
5	Carry out visits to some of the corporations and councils in consultation with Hon'ble Chairman of the committee.	MPCB, UD & DMA
6	Mass awareness program on plastic ban and appropriate directions to all local bodies.	MPCB
7	Submission of status of local bodies about the implementation of E-waste management rules as per their responsibility.	UD & DMA

8	Creation of a web page to display the progress of issues mentioned in the Hon'ble NGT order dated 16.01.2019.	MPCB
9	To place the applications relating to solid waste implementation referred by Hon'ble NGT to the regional monitoring committee.	MPCB

Hon'ble Chairman directed that the progress report about the suggestions/ recommendations of the Committee be submitted before the next meeting to be held within a month.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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