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Sub: Constitution of Third Party Vigilance Team to Cause Surprise Inspection in the State of Maharashtra.

1. Preamble:

Raising number of public grievances regarding Air, Water, Noise, Municipal Solid Waste, Plastic Waste, Hazardous Waste Pollution, etc. in the State of Maharashtra, resulting into increased number of RTI applications, complaints of local representatives including MPs & MLAs, complaints on Public Grievances Portals of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra and others, is causing a great turbulence in day-to-day functioning of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) and also inviting Public Interest Litigations (PILs), Writ Petitions in High Court and Applications before Hon'ble NGT.

The "Third Party Vigilance Team" shall consist of Team Leader, i.e. Coordinating Officer at H.Q. (the Officer at the rank of Head of the Division). The Team Leader shall be assisted by one SRO of his choice from the SROs referred above, local SROs where investigations are to be carried out and one FO/JSO/JSA from H.Q. and one JSO/JSA from Central Laboratory/Regional Laboratory, Thane and an Expert from NEERI/ ICT/ IIT, Mumbai, i.e. HoD, SRO, Local SRO, FO / JSO/JSA(HQ), JSO/JSA (C. Lab) / R. Lab.), NEERI /ICT/ IIT, Mumbai Expert.

2. Terms of Reference of "Vigilance Team":

"Third Party Vigilance Team" is being initially constituted for the jurisdiction of Five Regional Offices of MPCB in Mumbai Metropolitan Region Zone, i.e. Jurisdiction of Regional Office, Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Raigad, Thane and Kalyan and its Sub Regional Offices. The Team will act upon the confidential directions issued by the Member Secretary/Chairman of the Board. The Team will have focus on highly polluting units having high COD streams, toxic effluents and emissions, major hazardous waste generation and complaint oriented units in its jurisdiction. Team Leader shall submit the report in confidence for necessary action forthwith but not later than 7 days. Such investigation reports will be reviewed by Member Secretary and shall be placed before Competent Authority for further necessary action.

The "Team Leader" of the Third Party Vigilance Team will be at liberty to work out the plan of action and timeline in close consultation with Member Secretary and / or the Head of the Division (Air, Water, Noise, Municipal Solid Waste, Plastic Waste, Hazardous Waste Pollution, etc.). Team Leader can hire the private vehicle and other sources, including sampling equipments and support staff for sampling from competent sources/rate contracts/empanelled agencies. The Team Leader is at liberty to utilize the staff of respective SROs wherever required for the purpose of support activities of sampling, document verification, report preparation, etc.

3. Constitution of the "Vigilance Team":

Team Leader

: Co-ordinating Officer of the Region at HQ

[Jt. Director(Water/Air)/ Assistant Secretary(Technical) /

Principal Scientific Officer/Regional Officer (HQ)]

Co-team Leader

: Sub Regional Officer (to be identified by Team Leader as

per required expertise from enclosed list at Annexure-I)

Team Members

Field Officer a)

: To be identified by Team Leader as per required

expertise from enclosed list at Annexure-I.

b)

Jr. Scientific Officer / : To be identified by Team Leader as per required

Jr. Scientific Assistant: expertise from enclosed list at Annexure-I.

Local SRO/FO C)

: As per requirement of Team Leader

Expert d)

: Scientist from IIT/NEERI/ICT

Allowance to Expert Member: As per MPCB Rules in force.

Duration of the Committee

The said Committee will work initially for a period of Six months and may be continued with the approval of the Board, in future.

Member Secretary

Copy submitted to:

Hon'ble Chairman, MPCB, Mumbai - for information.

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Abovementioned incumbents

Annexure-I

List of Officers nominated for "Third Party Vigilance Team"

I. Sub Regional Officer:

- 1. Shri Sujit Dholam, Kalyan-III
- 2. Shri Tanaji Yadav, Taloja
- 3. Shri H.D. Gandhe, Raigad-II
- 4. Shri Nitin Shinde, Kalyan-II
- 5. Shri Prakash Munde, Mumbai-IV

II. Field Officer:

- Shri Sagar Killedar, RO-Raigad
- 2. Shri Achyut Nandwate, RO-Thane
- 3. Shri Nitesh Patil, RO-Mumbai
- 4. Shri Dafade, RO-Kalyan
- 5. Shri Sagar Warhekar, SRO-Tarapur-I
- 6. Shri Upendra Kulkarni, SRO-Kalyan-III
- Shri Mahesh Chavan, JD (WPC) Divn.

III. Jr. Scientific Officer / Jr. Scientific Assistant :

- 1. Dr. D.G. Tare, JSO, BMW-UNIDO Divn
- 2. Shri Kishor Gawankar, JSO, PSO Divn.
- 3. Dr. Mahesh Rakh, JSO, R. Lab., Thane
- 4. Shri Gopal Kadam, JSA, PSO Divn.
- 5. Shri Anil Patil, JSA, PSO Divn.
- 6. Shri Salil Save, JSA, Cen. Lab.

(Dr. P. Anbalagan) Member Secretary