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MAHARASHTRA POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Sub : Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the State Water Quality Review Committee.

Date & Venue - 15.04.2011 at Mantralaya.

The 8th Meeting of the Water Quality Review Committee was held on 15.4.2011 at Mantralaya, Mumbai under the Chairmanship of Secretary (WRD) where Secretary, Environment was also present. The list of officials present during the meeting is attached. The following points were discussed in the meeting.

1. The Minutes of the 7th Meeting held 5.1.2010 were confirmed with an amendment that the Superintendent Engineer, Hydrologic Project (HP) will be the member of sub-group formed by the committee instead of Chief Engineer, HP.
2. The existing water quality monitoring network in the state was reviewed. Chief Engineer (HP) mentioned that HP has 127 stations and some of the stations in Nashik district are also being monitored by MPCB. The committee discussed the modalities to avoid such duplications and it was decided that MPCB and HP should jointly identify such duplicating stations which can be operated by MPCB in future. HP can identify separate stations to maintain the number of stations monitored by them.
3. MPCB informed about the CPCB proposal of continuous on-line water quality monitoring stations and the committee also agreed on the need of such continuous on-line water quality monitoring stations on critical location. It was decided to recommend CPCB to install adequate number of such stations in Maharashtra in consultation with MPCB.
4. The committee in its earlier meeting has highlighted the need of observing the uniform water quality monitoring protocol by all the agencies and GSDA, CGWB were requested to comply the same on priority and submit the compliance report. MPCB also highlighted the need of joining the

national water quality monitoring program which will facilitate financial assistance, technical audit of the monitoring stations and also, the data compilation through common portal of CPCB. The committee agreed to this suggestion and once again requested concerned departments to submit proposal to MPCB in the required format for sending proposal to CPCB in next one month.

5. MPCB has carried out the water quality data analysis for 2005-2007 and based on the available data, action plan for control of water pollution has been prepared for Upper Bhima River Basin. This action plan has been submitted to MoEF for financial assistance. MPCB is also finalizing the action plan for Nag river basin, Upper Godavari Basin and Panchganga Basin. The committee welcomed such initiatives and emphasized the need of earlier implementation of these action plans by the respective stake holders. The committee discussed that these action plans can be presented to the committee under the Chief Secretary for ensuring timely and effective implementation of the action plan.
6. MPCB informed about the various ongoing R&D activities and training programs conducted in last year. The committee emphasized the need of continuous training to all the stake holders and requested MPCB coordinate such training activity for all stake holders.
7. The draft report on the status of water quality based on year 2007, 2008 and 2009 data prepared by NEERI was presented to the committee. The report has used 4 parameter based on water quality index as already published by CPCB. The committee discussed the report in detail and it was generally observed that most of the findings are matching the field observations. The committee suggested that in the tables describing Taluka-wise exceedence, the number of samples from that Taluka should be put in bracket to clarify the sampling pattern in those respective Talukas. The committee accepted the report.

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Secretary, Environment mentioned that MPCB has decided to expand the water quality network and also improve the data compilation and dissemination practices. She also highlighted that more emphasis is given on the training and quality control in the water quality monitoring and requested all the agencies to put emphasis on these aspects. She also highlighted the efforts of the MPCB in preparation of the action plans and taking these action plans to the concerned stake holders for its effective and speedy implementation. Secretary, WRD and Chairman of the Committee highlighted the need of coordination among the different agencies and also emphasized the need of implementation of the action plans prepared by MPCB on top priority to control the water pollution of rivers and creeks of the state.

The meeting ended with thank to Chair.

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