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Date 05/08/2022

To,

1 Divisional Commissioner,
Aurangabad

2 District Magistrate,
Aurangabad

Sub – Minutes of the 1st Meeting of Monitoring Committee held on 04/08/2022 at 11.30 AM in compliance of order passed by Hon'ble NGT, Special Bench, dtd. 05/07/2022 in OA No. 11/2013 filed by Raghunath Lohkare Vs MPCB & Ors.

Ref – Order passed by the Hon'ble NGT vide dtd. 05/07/2022.

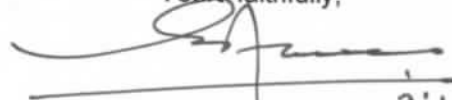
Respected Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith the Minutes of the 1st Meeting of Monitoring Committee held on 04/08/2022 at 11.30 AM in compliance of order passed by Hon'ble NGT, Special Bench, dtd. 05/07/2022 in OA No. 11/2013 filed by Raghunath Lohkare Vs MPCB & Ors.

This is submitted for your information.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


(Dr. V.M. Motghare) 05/8/22
Joint Director (APC)

D.A. As above.

Copy submitted for favour of information to :-

- 1) Hon'ble Chairman, MPC Board, Mumbai.
- 2) Member Secretary, MPC Board, Mumbai.
- 3) Joint Director (WPC), MPC Board, Mumbai.
- 4) Ms. Smita Gaikwad, Law Officer, MPC Board, Mumbai.

Copy for further needful action:-

- 1) Regional Officer, MPC Board, Aurangabad
- 2) Sub Regional Officer, MPC Board, Aurangabad

MINUTES OF THE 1ST MEETING OF MONITORING COMMITTEE HELD ON 04/08/2022 IN COMPLIANCE OF ORDER PASSED BY HON'BLE NGT, SPECIAL BENCH, DATED 05/07/2022 IN OA NO. 11/2013 FILED BY RAGHUNATH LOKHARE VS MPCB & ORS.

The Hon'ble NGT has passed an order vide dated 05.07.2022 in OA No. 11 of 2013 filed by Raghunath Lokhare Vs MPCB and Others wherein constituted Monitoring Committee consisting of the following members with directions to hold committee meeting within a month to take stock of situation, the committee may undertake visit to the area and ascertain the latest status of pollution level as well as status of compliance of restoration plan.

The following Monitoring Committee Members were present for the meeting.

1. Mr. A L Jarhad,
Hon'ble Chairman, MPCB Chairman
2. Mr. Sunil Chavan
Hon'ble District Magistrate, Aurangabad. Member
3. Representative of Hon'ble Divisional Commissioner,
Aurangabad. Member
4. Mr. Shankar Waghmare, Regional Officer-Aurangabad. Member

The following MPCB Officials were present: -

- i) Dr. V. M. Motghare JD(APC)
- ii) Dr. Y. B. Sontakke JD(WPC)
- iii) Ms. Smita Gaikwad, Law Officer
- iv) Mr. Sushilkumar Rathod SRO Aurangabad

Dr. V. M. Motghare, Joint Director (APC) has welcome Hon'ble Chairman and monitoring committee members and MPCB Officials present for the meeting and gave brief background & presentation in the matter-OA No. 11 of 2013 Raghunath Lokhare Vs MPCB and Others.

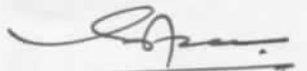
Dr. V. M. Motghare, Joint Director (APC) has submitted that earlier there are two committees formed by MPCB i.e Core Committee and Technical Committee to resolve the said issues and further presented short term action plan prepared by the MPC Board.

The Hon'ble District Collector has made suggestions that for ground water recharge, rainwater harvesting at different villages awareness programmes shall be conducted by the local authority. The expenditure for said awareness programmes will be done through Escrow Account maintain by District Collector, Aurangabad.

After due deliberation it was decided to follow the line of action as under –

1. Short terms action plan prepared by the MPC Board shall be implemented immediately.
2. Soil contamination was also observed in the area, hence phytoremediation or better technology may be adopted in the affected area to bring down contaminated soil to it's original entity.
3. GSDA shall carried out remapping of aquifers in the contaminated area.
4. Local officials of GSDA shall assist the monitoring team appointed for remapping of aquifers.

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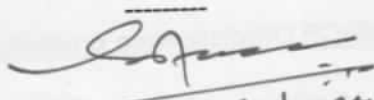

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5. Piezometric wells shall be provided by the MIDC at different locations in MIDC alongwith periphery of MIDC area & water level & water quality shall be check fortnightly.
6. Reputed institute like IIT, NEERI, Govt. Engg. College A'bad etc... alongwith GSDA shall be appointed for assessment / study of various methods for remediation of contaminated ground water.
7. All expenditures shall be done through escrow account available with District Collector, Aurangabad

The Hon'ble Chairman, MPCB has further suggested to prepare action plan for remediation assessment /study of various methods by engaging reputed institute like IIT, NEERI and TOR shall be finalized by the MPC Board. Also, Hon'ble Chairman suggested that Monitoring committee shall visit the site.

Dr. V. M. Motghare, Joint Director (APC) has expressed vote of thank to the Chair.


05/8/20