



**Minutes of the meeting chaired by the Secretary on 11.10.2023 to comply of the orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in O.A. No. 395/2013**

Meeting started at the 3:25 p.m with Secretary, Environment in chair. Representatives from LSGD, Water Resources, Finance , Land Revenue Commissioner, Director Urban Affairs, Director Panchayaths, Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority and District Collector (Ernakulam), District Collector (Thrissur), District Collector (Idukki), Chairman KSPCB, Principal Director LSGD, General Manager Industries Ernakulam, Executive Director Suchithwa Mission, Additional Secretary Environment, Member Secretary, KSPCB and other concerned officials were present.

The Secretary addressed the meeting and enquired about the progress of the activities till date.

MS, KSPCB gave a brief introduction regarding OA 395/2013 & action plan formulated and made a presentation. The completed, regular and progressing activities were shown in the presentation in detail. Details of fine collected, notice issued, STP by LSGDs were discussed. The Secretary, Kochi Corporation informed that they collected 3 lakh fine for septage waste, gave notices for 452 Institutions to construct STP and as a result 52 institutions constructed STP and instructions were given to 90 institutions to construct STP before February 2024. To reduce violations, following steps were taken:

1. 300 CCTV cameras installed
2. De silting of drains
3. Net fencing
4. Prosecution steps for non functional STPs

When Secretary enquired whether the pollution is reducing or not, the Member Secretary, KSPCB replied that monitoring of Periyar River has been done regularly and quality improvement has been observing. The shifting of Kadambrayar from priority IV to a lower priority level Priority V clearly indicating reduction in pollution. Inspections are being carried out in industries/flats/hotels/establishments to ensure compliance of consent conditions including quality of treated effluent and actions are being taken in case of violations. Secretary then stated that the mere action of fine collection will not reduce pollution. Larger the fine collected/notice issued indicates higher level of pollution. Hence rectifications need to be implemented.

### **Decisions**

- 1) The action plan submitted shall be divided into three components:
  1. Non Problematic /completed
  2. Progressing &
  3. Problematic.Problematic items will be discussed and finalized in the next meetings.
- 2) Action taken by field offices of the Board and local bodies for improvement of Periyar river shall be assessed and reported.
- 3) The progress of the projects initiated should be completed within the timeline.
- 4) Inspection should be done from KSPCB to the areas where low level of fines imposed and high level of contamination still persists.
- 5) All stake holder Departments (O/o District Collectors of Idukki, Thrissur and Ernakulam, Water Resources Department, O/o Director of Panchayaths & Urban Affairs, Kerala Water Authority, Irrigation Department, LSGD, Land Revenue Commissionerate, Suchithwa Mission, Kochi Corporation and Kerala State Pollution Control Board) shall expedite the actions to ensure completion of action plan and report

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the progress to Government at the earliest.

The meeting came to a close by 4.00 pm.

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