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**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Environment (A) Department**

No.A2/164/2018/Envt

Thiruvananthapuram,
Dated: 20.09.2021

From

Additional Chief Secretary to Government

To

The Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department

The Additional Chief Secretary, Local Self Government Department

The Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Department

The Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department

The Additional Chief Secretary, Vigilance Department

The Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue Department

The Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department

The Principal Secretary, SC/ST Department

The Principal Secretary, Local Self Government Department

The Principal Secretary, Industries Department

The Secretary, Public Works Department

The Director,
Directorate of Environment & Climate Change,
Thiruvananthapuram

The Director,
Directorate of Urban Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director,
Directorate of Industries, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director,
Directorate of Panchayat, Thiruvananthapuram.

The District Collector,
Collectorate Kollam, Alappuzha, Ernakulam

The Secretary
Municipal Corporation, Thiruvananthapuram,

The Secretary,
Municipal Corporation, Kochi

The Secretary
Municipal Corporation, Kannur.

The Secretary
Municipal Corporation, Guruvayoor

The Secretary
Municipal Corporation, Kollam

The Managing Director
Kerala Water Authority, Vellayambalam, Thiruvananthapuram

The Superintending Engineer, Irrigation (through Chief Engineer)
Irrigation & Administration, Thiruvananthapuram

The Commissioner for Rural Development
Nanthancode, Thiruvananthapuram

The City Police Commissioner
Ernakulam

The Commissioner
Land Revenue Commissionerate, Thiruvananthapuram

The Executive Director,
Suchithwa Mission, Thiruvananthapuram

The Mission Director,
AMRUT, State Mission Management Unit,
Local Self Government Department,
4th Floor, Meenakshi Plaza, Artech Building,
Opposite Government Hospital, Thycaadu,
Thiruvananthapuram- 695014

The Member Secretary
Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Thiruvananthapuram

Sir,

Sub: Environment Department – Monthly review meeting of Chief Secretary with RRC/Stakeholder departments/ Authorities in the matter of NGT Order in OA No.673/2018 – minutes forwarding of – Reg.

Ref: Monthly review meeting in NGT order in OA No. 673/2018
held by Chief Secretary on 09-09-2021.

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I am to invite your attention to the reference cited and to forward
herewith the minutes of the meeting for information and necessary
action.

The action taken report may be furnished at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,
GEETHA GOPINATH
Under Secretary
for Additional Chief Secretary to Government

Approved for issue,



Section Officer



Minutes of the monthly meeting held by the Chief Secretary on 09.09.2021 in the matter of O.A. Nos. 673/2018 & 829/2019 of the National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench.

The VC commenced at 10:30 am with the Chief Secretary in chair. The meeting was attended by the Additional Chief Secretaries of Water Resources & Environment Departments, Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority, Commissioner, Land Revenue Commissionerate, District Collectors of Kollam, Kochi and Alappuzha districts, Member Secretary, Kerala State Pollution Control Board and other officers concerned.

As directed by Additional Chief Secretary, Environment Department, the Member Secretary, Kerala State Pollution Control Board presented the agenda points. Further action taken on the decisions of the previous meeting held on 27.07.2021 were briefed in detail by the Departments / authorities concerned. Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department emphasized the immediate need for a concerted team effort from the Local Self Government Department, Suchitwa Mission, Urban Affairs Directorate, Local Self Government Institutions, Kerala Water Authority, Kerala State Pollution Control Board and Irrigation Department for identifying possible sites for setting up sewage treatment projects. Police Commissioner Ernakulam offered all necessary help in dealing with protests hindering genuine public projects. Chief Secretary pointed out that the Haritha Keralam projects under Nava Keralam Karma Padhathi gives priority for waste management projects which have to be implemented in a time bound manner.

Points discussed and actions recommended:

1. **Karamana sewer network, KWA-** – As the Draft DPR for the 19 prioritized wards abutting Karamana river were not found to be satisfactory, additional time up to 10.09.2021 is given to the contracting firm for resubmission of DPRs with necessary corrections. For the balance wards DPR is to be furnished by 30.09.2021. **(Action: Kerala Water Authority, Water Resources Department).**

2. **Projects under IMPACT & Suchitwa Mission** – Of the 11 projects

entrusted to Kerala Water Authority, 3 projects have land availability problems, for one project part work was already done by a contractor which needs to be completed. For the 5 projects now taken up by Kerala Water Authority (Ponnani, Perumba, Thrissur, Koilandy, Paayam) the DPR will be completed by this month end and 6 months period may be sufficient for its execution. The balance 2 projects will be taken up by Suchitwa Mission.

(Action: Kerala Water Authority, Water Resources Department, Local Self Government Department).

3. Preparation of DPRs for 28 Urban Local Bodies (ULB): The Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority informed that there are still issues with land identification for many projects. Only Varkala municipality had identified the land. List of places where land is not identified were given to Suchitwa Mission and Local Self Government Department. Chief Secretary pointed out that the land for the projects to be taken up as part of Nava Keralam program have to be identified. All the Local Self Government Institutions, Suchitwa Mission, Urban Affairs Directorate, Kerala Water Authority may take joint meetings in identifying land for the proposed projects under the leadership of Additional Chief Secretary, Local Self Government Department. The suitability of such lands may be checked in coordination with the Kerala State Pollution Control Board at the inception stage itself as suggested by Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department. Revenue Department has already been tasked to make a State Policy for availing public land for waste management projects on first priority.

(Action: Local Self Government Department, Revenue Department, Water Resources Department, Environment Department, Urban Affairs Directorate, Suchitwa Mission, Kerala Water Authority, Local Self Government Institutions, Kerala State Pollution Control Board).

4. STP at Elamkulam: The Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority informed that a site inspection was conducted at Elamkulam. Work of 5 MLD plant is ongoing which may be completed by March 2022. For another 5 MLD, estimate and DPR will be ready by 22.09.2021. Another 15 MLD project is also feasible in this area and that DPR will be available by 10th of next month. The possibility of providing an STP of 25 MLD capacity in the opposite plot is also being evaluated. Details of which can be submitted by next month. As pointed out by the Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources Department, Managing Director, Kerala

Water Authority is to conduct meetings with local bodies at this stage itself for avoiding any future hurdles in laying sewer lines / sewerage network for connecting to the proposed STPs. Record of the meetings, decisions taken and commitments shall be taken for future reference and for smooth execution of project without delay. Chief Secretary directed that by the time the STPs are ready, the work of sewer network shall also be completed. Local Self Government Institutions, and Kerala Water Authority shall finalize plans for sewer networks well in advance. Since these projects may come under Nava Keralam Pandhathi steps may be taken to ensure that projects are completed within the scheduled time limits. **(Action: Water Resources Department, Local Self Government Department, Kochi Corporation & Kerala Water Authority).**

5. STP network at Muttathara – DPR of 100 wards to be completed by 30.10.2021. Follow up for timely completion. **(Action: Kerala Water Authority, Water Resources Department).**

6. STP at Guruvayur- The Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority informed that he had inspected the site and that the works are progressing and that it is targeted to be completed by 30/09/2021. The problems in locating manholes have been sorted out. Performance of officers shall be reviewed periodically and action may be taken against non performing officials hindering project execution. **(Action: Kerala Water Authority, Water Resources Department).**

7. STP at Yakkara – SC/ST commission has registered a case. SC/ST Department may look into the matter. The land assigned for the Medical College may be reviewed and if excess land more than what is required for the functioning of Medical College is available, then that may be resumed for other public projects. **(Action: Revenue Department, SC/ST Department & Local Self Government Department).**

8. STP at Kureepuzha, Kollam – The Managing Director, Kerala Water Authority informed that a case has been filed in a civil court regarding land issue and a stay has been obtained. District Collector, Kollam informed that the corporation has been directed to file an appeal in the High court to get the stay vacated. Work for STP at Kureepuzha has commenced. Earthwork excavation started and contour survey is in progress. Components are set out as per the revised lay out. Targeted date of completion is 31.05.2022. DC Kollam to follow up the work of

Corporation at Kureepuzha. As of now in urban areas sufficient space is not available for STP/FSTP projects as per the norms of Pollution Control Board and other Depts. Provision in the Municipal Act that exemption can be allowed if the proposed construction is for public purpose may be looked into so that a Govt. Order in this regard can be issued. **(Action: Local Self Government Department, Environment Department, District Collector, Kollam, Kerala State Pollution Control Board & Kollam Corporation).**

9. STP at Chakkamkandam & Kunnamkulam & FSTP at Guruvayoor- Land transfer issue between KWA and local body:
ICO issued to STP, Chakkamkandam. Project at Kunnamkulam has been dropped. The septage from Guruvayoor municipality can be treated after providing dilution tank and pumping arrangements in the existing STP itself. Kerala Water Authority has discussed the matter with Municipal Chairman during the visit conducted on 28.08.2021. KWA will provide the tank. Letter for initiating action for the same has been forwarded to the Mission Director. **(Action: Industries Department & Kerala Water Authority).**

10. FSTP, Cherthala:

ICE issued for FSTP at Cherthala on 27.07.2021. Municipality has proposed FSTP in the land of panchayat, councils of both local bodies have agreed to take action to settle the issue. Chief Secretary directed that the matter may be speeded up. **(Action: Local Self Government Department, District Collector Alappuzha, Local Self Government Institutions).**

11. Coastal Action plan -

Draft action plan has to be finalized: Action plan will be submitted to Govt. for approval on 10.09.2021. **(Action: Environment Department).**

12. Edayar ETP & Aroor ETP:

DPR for an amount of Rs. 37.5 Crore for Edayar ETP has been completed and will be submitted to Industries Department in two weeks. Whether the norms of Kerala State Pollution Control Board as applicable can be met is also to be ascertained. KITCO has asked one more month time for the completion of DPR of Aroor ETP, the same will be completed by 30.09.2021. Administrative Sanction can be considered by working group of Industries Department. **(Action: Industries Department, Kerala**

Water Authority).

13. Land utilization policy of State Government-

State Policy for effective utilization of land in the State may be framed. An electronic data bank on land availability across the State for various activities, land now held under various Departments etc., shall be drawn up. Policy may enable resuming land in excess held, unutilized land in possession etc., of various Departments / authorities for further utilization. Prioritization for allocation of land for various purposes may be made part of State Policy. The matter was already discussed in the meeting held on 10/08/2021 in OA 27 of 2021. It was informed from Land Revenue Commissioner that the entire land details have been computerized and that NIC has been directed prepare a separate data bank of Government land. The action in this regard may be speeded up. **(Action: Revenue Department).**

14. Release of Bank Guarantee of Rs. 15 crore:

Request letter submitted to Central Pollution Control Board , from Water Resources Department. Matter may be followed up to release the amount based on compliance made by the State. **(Action: Water Resources Department).**

15. Progress on action plan by Irrigation Department (e-flow, flood plain zone management, de-silting, encroachment):

The details on e-flow, encroachment, de-silting, flood plain and its progress are to be reported from Irrigation Department within one month. **(Action: Irrigation Department, Water Resources Department)**

The meeting came to an end by 11:20 am.

Dr V P Joy
Chief Secretary
O/O CHIEF SECRETARY