

Meeting minutes of the District Environmental Plan, Pudukkottai District
Present: Mrs. P. Uma Maheswari I.A.S.,

Rc. No. 4499/2019/v2(Dev)

Date: 05.02.2020

The periodical meeting to review the progress of the execution of 7 thematic areas as stated in the District Environmental plan was conducted under the chairmanship of the District Collector on 30.01.2020, 11:30 a.m. at the Collectorate Conference hall.

The following members attended the meeting.

1. Joint Director/ Project Director, District Rural Development Agency, Pudukkottai.
2. Personal Assistant (Development) to Collector, Pudukkottai
3. Assistant Engineer on behalf of District Environmental Engineer, TNPCB, Pudukkottai
4. Municipal Commissioners, Pudukkottai and Aranthangi
5. All Executive Officers of Town Panchayats, on behalf of Assistant Director (Town Panchayats), Pudukkottai
6. Assistant Director (Panchayats), Pudukkottai
7. Deputy Director (Health), Pudukkottai and Aranthangi.
8. Joint Director (Animal Husbandry), Pudukkottai.
9. General Manager, District Industry Center, Pudukkottai

The following members viz., District Revenue Officer, Revenue Divisional Officer, Pudukkottai, Regional Director of Municipal Administration, Pudukkottai, Joint Director (Health), Executive Engineer (PWD WRO) and Assistant Director (Geology and Mining), have not participated in the meeting.

The following points were discussed during the meeting.

The Project Director (DRDA) welcomes the gathering. After introduction by everyone, Local body administrators were instructed to provide the actions taken on Solid Waste Management rules 2016.

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1. Solid Waste Management

Local body administrators explained that the urban local bodies had reached 90% door to door segregated waste collection. It was also updated that the awareness generation workshops about the segregation of wastes at source are being conducted.

At Aranthangi Municipality, it was updated as 127 sanitary workers are engaged for the door to door waste collection between 5:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; and collecting about 1.5 kg of wastes per house. 4 officials are engaged to supervise this activity.

Further, 21 Bulk waste generators (>100kg) are identified in Aranthangi Municipality. Of whom, 14 bulk waste generators who have ample area are prepared to reuse the wastes generated on their own. The remaining 7 bulk waste generators have been given the necessary advice and guidance to manage the waste generated in a proper manner.

Daily waste collections are segregated as Bio-degradable and Non Bio-degradable, where

- Bio-degradable wastes are converted into vermi-compost after processed in Micro Compost Centre (MCC) available 2 no.s in Pudukkottai and 1 no. in Aranthangi Municipality; and selling it to farmers.

- Non Bio-degradable wastes, which are saleable, will be sold and non saleable wastes are being sent to cement factories for fuel purpose.

It was further updated that the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board has given quality clearance to the Segregation Shed and Compost Yard facilities available in the Pudukkottai District.

2. Bio Medical Waste Management

It has been reported that all the Health Care Facilities including 14 Government Hospitals, 73 Primary Health Care centres available in Pudukkottai district have signed an agreement with M/s. Medicare Enviro Systems, Thanjavur for the treatment of bio-medical wastes.

It was urged to form a Municipal level committee and was advised to conduct periodical meeting to review the process of handling bio medical wastes generated at their jurisdiction.

Action to be taken: Municipal Commissioners
Pudukkottai/Aranthangi

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3. Plastic Waste Management and ban on plastic

The local body administrators updated that the plastic wastes collected on daily basis are being sent to Ariyalur cement factory for fuel purposes.

With regards to One-Time-Use-and-Throwaway plastic, raids to commercial establishment are being carried out on daily basis and 779 kg of plastics have been seized this month and a penalty of Rs.33,100/- has been imposed in Pudukkottai district.

Despite carried out several awareness campaigns and issued the show-cause notice to the defaulters, the plastics could still be seen on the roadside. Hence, it was advised to take strict measures to control the use of banned plastic items in commercial establishments.

Action to be taken: All Local Body Administrators

To the conduct of district level workshop involving NGO's, Eco-Club, etc., to create ban plastic awareness and market to use alternative packaging materials, AE, TNPCB has updated that the action plan has been requested from CEO, Pudukkottai.

Action to be taken: CEO Pudukkottai and DEE, TNPCB, Pudukkottai

4. Sewage Treatment

Municipal administrators were instructed to treat all the domestic sewages as per the standard, before it let into the water bodies.

At Municipal level it was reported as, sewage treatment plant is established to treat domestic sewages, where at Aranthangi, to treat <20 litre sewage wastes, FSTP (FECAL SLUDGE TREATMENT PLANT) is being setup.

Action to be taken: Municipal Commissioners Pudukkottai/Aranthangi

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5. Conservation of water bodies

By quoting the published news "the chicken wastes and plastic wastes are thrown to water body near Keeranur", Local Body Administrators and Executive Engineer, PWD WRO were strictly instructed to prevent dumping of solid wastes and discharge of untreated sewages into water bodies and was directed to take stringent action against violators. It was also advised to conduct IEC programmes to improve the awareness among public to comply with the rules.

Action to be taken: All Local body administrators and Executive Engineer, PWD WRO

6. E-Waste Management

In this digital era with rapidly growing technologies, E-Wastes are inevitable. Hence it was advised to draw attention to treat the e-wastes in proper manner.

AE TNPCB, explained that the E-wastes should be treated by CPCB/SPCB authorized dismantler, refurbisher and recyclers; but the authorized dealer or organization is not available in Pudukkottai region. It was further updated as most of the internal electronic items are reused or sold by the generator themselves.

By referencing the e-wastes accumulated in all Government offices, it was instructed to channelize them, by setup an e-waste collection center and send to the authorized dealer available in Trichy.

Action to be taken: Local Body Administrator

7. Construction and Demolition(C&D) Waste Management

Local body administrators have updated as the C&D polluter pays the cost for the treatment of C&D wastes.

Local body administrators were instructed that each individual should obtain prior permission to the concerned local bodies before construction or demolition. And, the C&D wastes should be treated by the authorized organization.

Action to be taken: All local body administrators

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8. Polluted Industrial Clusters

District Environmental Engineer has explained that there are 3 No.s of highly polluting industries at SIPCOT, Pudukkottai District. At present, all the three units are not in operation. The units are

- I. EMPEE Distilleries Limited Power Division
- II. EID Parry India Limited Sugar
- III. EID Parry India Ltd Co Generation Plant

9. Environmental Plan Training Workshop

The Project Director (DRDA) has explained the 28 subjects as enumerated in the orders of the National Green Tribunal and 7 thematic areas as stated in the environmental plan.

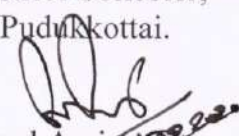
By citing, an Integrated (Solid, Biomedical, Plastic, Electronic, C&D, and Liquid) Waste Management Rules 2016, DEE TNPCB was advised to conduct a training workshop on the acts and rules, to all local body administrators and concerned officials.

Action to be taken: DEE, TNPCB, Pudukkottai

All the members were invited to provide suggestions for the improvement of District Environmental Plan for sustainable environmental protection. With this, the meeting was concluded.

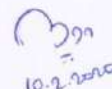
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