

Minutes of the DLMC Meeting (constituted by Hon'ble NGT in OA 606-2018) held on 18.03.2020 at District Collectorate, Ernakulam

Meeting started at 04.00 p.m. and was presided over by Additional District Magistrate. ADM welcomed all the delegates to the meeting.

The decisions taken in the previous meeting were discussed. Senior Environmental Engineer, Pollution Control Board explained the committee agenda as directed by ADM.

The Committee observed that District Management plan was prepared and same was forwarded to Government, as per the decision of the previous meeting.

Discussed about the Solid Waste Management System being practised in Kochi Corporation. The officials from Corporation explained that segregated waste is collected from door to door.

ADM observed that no proper treatment of waste is seen done at Brahamapuram and added that it is very disappointing from the part of Kochi Corporation that the functioning of waste treatment facility is very poor.

Officials of Cochin Corporation explained that the dry waste is again segregated by the workers at Brahamapuram plant to separate the resaleable goods like metals. ADM pointed out that the door to door waste collecting system is still not proper. Practice of segregation of plastic waste, sanitary waste, domestic hazardous waste etc at source, from non biodegradable waste is not implemented properly.

The Pollution Control Board, Senior Environmental Engineer explained that only plastic bottles are separated from dry waste. All other waste are dumped at the dumping yard.

ADM stated that Cochin Corporation had failed to convince the progress of Solid Waste Management System effectively. Adequate steps shall be taken by Cochin corporation to avoid dumping of additional waste to the existing legacy waste. He further stated that Kochi Corporation should take serious steps in implementing SWM rules.

The Cochin Corporation Officials intimated that only setting up of Waste to Energy plant can resolve the existing problems and improve the waste management system.

Maradu Municipality Officials initiated that construction works of two material collection centres are progressing.

ADM insisted that all local bodies should implement Thumboormuzhi Model treatment facility at the earliest.

ADM enquired about the waste management system of Kalamassery Municipality. The Environmental Engineer, Pollution Control Board informed that the bio degradable waste is treated at Brahamapuram plant and a portion of the legacy waste was removed from the dumping yard.

ADM directed that Haritha Kerala Mission and Suchithwa Mission shall render all support to local bodies in the implementation of Solid Waste Management Rules 2016.

The meeting was concluded at 05.00 p.m

Chairman and District Collector

1. The Secretary, District Legal Service Authority, High Court Complex, Ernakulam.
2. The Commissioner & IG of Police
Kochi City, Ernakulam
3. The District Police chief, Ernakulam Rural, Aluva.
4. The District Medical Officer (Health) , Hospital Road, Ernakulam.
5. The Deputy Director of Panchayath, Ernakulam, Kakkanad.
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7. The Secretary, Corporation of Kochi.
8. The District Industries Officer, Ernakulam.
9. The Joint Director, Urban Affairs, Broadway, Ernakulam
10. The Deputy Director of Education, Ernakulam
11. The Executive Engineer Irrigation, Ernakulam
12. The Chief Environmental Engineer, Pollution Control Board, Kadavadra Ernakulam.
13. The Senior Environmental Engineer, Regional Office, Kerala State Pollution Control
Board, Kadavanthra, Ernakulam.
14. The District Coordinator, Shujithwa Mission Ernakulam, Kakkanad.
15. The District Coordinator, Harithakeralam Mission Ernakulam, Kakkanad.

16. DIO, NCC