

Minutes of the DLMC Meeting (constituted by Hon'ble NGT in OA 606-2018) held on 24.11.2020 at District Collectorate, Ernakulam

Meeting started at 3.30 p.m. presided over by Additional District Magistrate. ADM welcomed all delegates to the meeting.

The decisions taken in the previous meeting were reviewed. ADM enquired whether Special Task Force(STF) is formed; whether awareness in solid waste management is given to the Secretaries/Officials; Information, Communication & Education (ICE) programme are conducted in the education sector as directed in order OA 606/2018 dated 16.01.2019. Special Task Force is not yet constituted. Environmental Engineer reported that Pollution Control Board has already given training to the LSDG officials on 04.02.2020. The Environmental Engineer also reported that quarterly reports have been collected from the local bodies by the Board and are being submitted to the Chief Secretary. The officials of Deputy Director, Panchayath and Joint Director, Urban affairs reported that they have increased Door to Door collection system and installed Material Collection Facility. The Coordinator, Haritha Keralam Mission reported that local bodies are facing the problems of disposing rejects from solid waste collected. At present district is not having a sanitary land fill facility. Hence sanitary land fill as per the specifications of the said rules has to be constructed as early as possible as it is the need of the hour.

Discussion conducted regarding dumping of waste on roadsides. In the meeting it is evaluated that the Police Department has not reported any cases of charging /penalty on dumping of waste on road sides.

ADM directed the officials of the Urban Affairs Department to identify land for setting up Sewage Treatment Plant for the municipalities immediately.

They informed that no suitable place could be identified to construct Common STP for LSGD due to the proximity of residences. CCTV are installed in the hotspots where municipal solid waste are dumped repeatedly.

To evaluate the progress of the D2 D collection and disposal of Solid waste, Additional District Magistrate informed that separate meetings shall be convened for Municipalities, Panchayaths and local bodies situated in the banks of River Periyar by next January.

Executive Engineer, Kochi Corporation informed that procedure has been completed to remove legacy waste in coordination with KSIDC. ADM raised the enquiry regarding the implementation of plastic ban. Suggestion has been put forward by Committee that a squad shall be formed for plastic seizing consisting of the officials of Local Body, Revenue, Pollution Control Board, and Police Department after LSGD election.

As per the Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared by CPCB, the total amount estimated for the remediation cost of contaminated site at Edayar (Edayattuchal, Chakkarachal is 48.03 crores. The area was contaminated due to the operation of M/s. Edayar Zinc (previously Binani Zinc), Edayar. Hence the entire amount for the remediation work shall be paid by the company as per "Polluter Pay Principle". The District Collector had directed the Board to submit the liability of the company of Rs.48.03 crores through revenue recovery website so as to recover the money under Revenue Recovery Act.

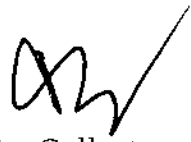
The PCB officials reported that the company M/s. Edayar Zinc is unauthorisedly conducting some work regarding the revamping of Effluent Treatment Plant. The Chair directed enquiry in to the alleged construction works conducted by M/s Binani Zinc Ltd and

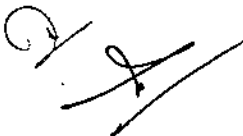
emphasised to follow the Hon'ble High Court Interim order dated 01.10.2020 in IA nos.1,2 & 3 of 2020 in WP(C) 19291/2020 and to report the same.

The Committee also discussed the time frame ordered by the Hon'ble NGT vide its order dated. 23.10.2018, in OA 535-535/18, regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan in general and Brahmapuram plant in particular. The Cochin Corporation officials stated that the the Hon'ble High Court vide its order dated 09.11.2018 in WPC 36204/2018 had allowed two months time on condition that the Corporation execute bank guarantee for rupees 50 lakhs each with CPCB and KSPCB and exempted them from depositing Rupees 3 crores towards Performance Guarantee. Cochin Corporation stated that thereafter the time was extended until further orders of the Hon'ble Court. It is also stated that KSIDC is taking drastic steps to evaluate the setting up of Waste to Energy Plant and for biomining at Brahmapuram and implementation of it is being monitored at Chief Secretary's level and the last of such review was conducted on 05.11.2020.

The Chair informed the delegates that the next meeting will be conducted after LSG elections.

Meeting ended at 4.40 pm


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. Kerala Enviro Infrastructure Ltd, Common TSDF Project, Inside FACT CD Campus,
Ambalamedu, Kochi - 682 303
17. Clean Kerala Company Ltd, State Municipal House, Near Chinmaya Vidyalaya
Shool, Vazhuthakkad, Thiruvananthapuram.

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