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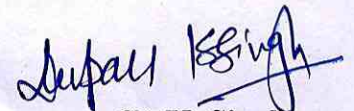
F. No. DPCC/WMC-II/MPR/OA 673/2020/ 7160-7181

Dated: 08.07.2021

MINUTES OF 8TH MEETING OF RRC DELHI HELD ON 05.07.2021

Please find enclosed herewith the Minutes of the 8th Meeting of River Rejuvenation Committee for Delhi taken by the Pr. Secretary (Env.) GNCTD and held at 3 : 30 PM on 05.07.2021 at Delhi Secretariat for urgent necessary action and sending the information/updated status to DPCC by **09.07.2021** as mentioned in the said minutes.

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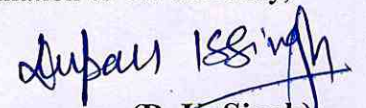
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5. The Member Drainage, Delhi Jal Board.
6. Sh. M. P. Singh, Suptd. Engineer, DDA.
7. Sh. Mukesh Gupta, Chief Engineer, DSIIDC.
8. Sh. Sanjay Saxena, Chief Engineer, I&FCD, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
9. Dr. Nandita Moitra, Incharge, Water Lab, DPCC.
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11. Sh. Dinesh Jindal, L.O., DPCC.

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2. The Vice Chairman, DDA.
3. The Secretary (Urban Development), Urban Development Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
4. The Commissioner (Industries), Industries Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi..
5. The Managing Director, DSIIDC.
6. The Chief Executive Officer, Delhi Jal Board.
7. The Secretary, Irrigation and Flood Control Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
8. The Commissioner, North Delhi Municipal Corporation (North DMC).
9. The Commissioner, South Delhi Municipal Corporation (South DMC).
10. The Commissioner, East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC DMC).
11. PS to Pr. Secretary (Environment), Govt. of NCT of Delhi for kind information to Pr. Secretary, please.


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Minutes of the 8th Meeting of River Rejuvenation Committee for Delhi taken by the Pr. Secretary (Env.) GNCTD and held at 3 : 30 PM on 05.07.2021 at Delhi Secretariat

The 8th Meeting of the River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) for Delhi constituted vide office order dated 22.10.2018 in compliance to the directions of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal dated 20.09.2018 in OA No. 673 / 2018 in the matter of News item published in 'The Hindu' authored by Shri Jacob Koshy titled "More river stretches are now critically polluted: CPCB" was taken by Pr. Secretary (Environment) Govt. of NCT of Delhi on 05.07.2021 in the conference room of Environment Department at Delhi Secretariat.

As per the directions of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, RRC has to prepare action plan for bringing all the polluted river stretches to be fit at least for bathing purposes (i.e. BOD < 3 mg/L and FC < 500 MPN/ 100 ml). As per the Hon'ble NGT order, in case of Delhi, the polluted river stretch has been identified from Wazirabad to Asgarpur village (22 km).

Officers from various Departments including Environment, DPCC, Industries, Urban Development, DDA, DJB, DSIIDC, Irrigation and Flood Control Department, Forest, SDMC, North DMC & EDMC attended the meeting.

Record of Attendance is at Annexure- I.

Pr. Secretary (Environment), GNCTD welcomed all the participants. The matter & various issues involved was briefed.

- It was informed that based on the meetings of RRC Delhi and approval from time to time, Action Plans for Rejuvenation of River Yamuna in Delhi were prepared & submitted to CPCB vide letters dated 29.01.2019, 03.04.2019, 01.08.2019, 22.11.2019 and finally on 21.02.2020 after incorporating suggestions of Task Team of CPCB.
- As per orders dated 06.12.2019 of Hon'ble NGT in the said matter, action plan prepared by Delhi Govt. was to follow the action points delineated in the order of the Tribunal dated 11.09.2019 in OA No. 06 / 2012 in the matter of Manoj Mishra vs. Union of India & Ors. including directions that timelines have to be compressed so as to complete every action by December, 2020 (except where shorter timelines are specified in the order or are otherwise possible) and DJB was directed to complete the task of setting up of STPs by 31.12.2020.
- Timelines given by DJB for completion of its various projects (e.g Construction of New STP of 124 MGD at Okhla by December, 2022 & Rehabilitation/ Upgradation of STPs at Kondli, Rithala Phase I & Yamuna Vihar) were exceeding the said timelines given by Hon'ble NGT and therefore CPCB was not approving the Action Plan of RRC Delhi.
- Revised Action Plan of RRC Delhi was submitted to CPCB vide letter dated 21.02.2020 & was also presented before the Task Team of CPCB in the meeting held on 26.02.2020. Revised Action Plan was Recommended by the Task Team of CPCB subject to revision of Action Plan as per suggestions given by the Task Team and communicated by CPCB vide letter dated 11.03.2020.
- The letter dated 11.03.2020 of CPCB along with Minutes of the 10th Meeting Task Team held on 26.02.2020 & Revised RRC Action Plan of February, 2020 were sent through email on 14.03.2020, 05.06.2020 & 12.06.2020 and again on 02.07.2021 alongwith Meeting Notice to all concerned Deptts. for necessary action and for providing updated information/data in the Revised Action Plan. Further revised Action Plan could not be prepared due to Covid – 19 & Lockdown in Delhi from time to time.

- Pursuant to the order dated 06.12.2019 & latest order dated 22.02.2021 of Hon'ble NGT monitoring at State Level is being carried out by the Chief Secy, GNCTD and Monthly Progress Reports of Delhi are being sent to Ministry of Jal Shakti & CPCB regularly and last Monthly Progress Report for May, 2021 was sent on 21.06.2021.
- Vide letter dated 07.06.2021, CPCB has requested for Status of Implementation of Action Plan by 31.07.2021.

The River Rejuvenation Committee for Delhi discussed the various concerning issues & observations of the Task Team of CPCB in the meeting held on 26.02.2020 and reviewed the status of implementation of Action Plan for rejuvenation of river Yamuna in Delhi.

After detailed deliberations following decisions were taken :

1. All the concerned Departments / Authorities will strictly follow the timelines in respect of their Projects, Schemes etc. given in the Action Plan for Rejuvenation of River Yamuna submitted to CPCB on 21.02.2020.
2. All the concerned Departments / Authorities will provide information & updated status in respect of all of their Projects, Schemes, Works etc. given in the Action Plan alongwith Timelines (Timelines mentioned in the Action Plan & revised Timelines, if any), Cost of the Projects / Schemes etc (Cost mentioned in the Action Plan & Revised Estimated Cost, if any) Source of Funding and other related relevant information alongwith supporting documents to DPCC through email [at Email ID: **dpcc.wmc2.delhi@gmail.com**] & hard copy signed by the concerned senior officer of the Department, **by 09.07.2021.**

The amendments / modifications, if any (as mentioned above) in respect of the Projects, Schemes, Works etc. given in the Action Plan will be highlighted in yellow colour in the said Action Plan and soft copy of the same will be submitted to DPCC through email by 09.07.2021 at the above mentioned Email ID.

3. All the concerned Departments / Authorities will provide information regarding Progress made by the Departments w.r.t. suggestions given by the Task Team of CPCB in its 9th meeting held on 27.12.2019 to DPCC through email at above mentioned Email ID & hard copy signed by the concerned senior officer of the Department, **by 09.07.2021.** Copy of the Minutes of the 9th meeting of Task Team of CPCB held on 27.12.2019 have already been sent to all the concerned Departments / Authorities and again enclosed as **Annexure- II.**
4. All the concerned Departments / Authorities will provide their Comments / Action Taken/ Compliance Report w.r.t. the observations and suggestions given by the Task Team of CPCB in its 10th meeting held on 26.02.2020 to DPCC through email at above mentioned Email ID & hard copy signed by the concerned senior officer of the Department, **by 09.07.2021.** Copy of the Minutes of the 10th meeting of Task Team of CPCB held on 26.02.2020 have already been sent to all the concerned Departments / Authorities and again enclosed as **Annexure- III.**

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

ATTENDANCE SHEET

Subject : 8th Meeting of the River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) for Delhi
taken by the Pr. Secretary (Env.), Govt. of NCT of Delhi

Date : 05.07.2021

Time : 3 : 30 PM

Venue : Conference Room of Environment Department at 6th Level, Delhi Secretariat, Delhi-02.

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16.01.2020

To

1. The Member Secretary,
SPCBs/PCCs
(Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi and Goa)

2. Task Team Members

Sub: Ninth Task Team meeting for ensuring compliance to Hon'ble NGT (PB) New Delhi order dated 6.12.2019 in Original Application No. 673/2018 in the matter of news item published in 'The Hindu' titled "More river stretches are now critically polluted: CPCB"

Sir,

This has reference to Ninth meeting of the Task Team held on 27.12.2019 in CPCB, Delhi for ensuring compliance to Hon'ble NGT (PB) New Delhi orders dated 20.09.2018, 19.12.2018, 08.04.2019 & 6.12.2019 in OA No. 673/2018 on the captioned subject.

Please find attached minutes of the ninth meeting of task team for kind information.

Yours faithfully,



(A. Sudhakar)

DH, WQM-1 Division


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CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
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Ninth Task Team Meeting for ensuring compliance to Hon'ble NGT order dated 6.12.2019 in O. A. No. 673/2018 in the matter of news item published in 'The Hindu' titled "More river stretches are now critically polluted: CPCB"

Ninth Task Team meeting was held on 27th December, 2019 in CPCB under the Chairmanship of Member Secretary, CPCB. The meeting was convened to review revised action plan for rejuvenation of River Yamuna in Delhi stretch along with action plans with respect to Priority III – IV polluted river stretches prepared by 4 States viz Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh & Goa in compliance to Hon'ble NGT order dated 6.12.2019. Officials from Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board did not attend the meeting and whereas Bihar SPCB requested to present the action plans through Video Conference. List of Officials attended the meeting is given in **Annexure I**.

Dr. Prashant Gargava, Chairman of the Task Team & Member Secretary, CPCB welcomed all the members of Task Team and the officials of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Goa & Delhi States. Sh. J.C. Babu, Additional Director briefed about the latest order dated 6.12.2019 passed by Hon'ble NGT in O. A. No 673/2018. Sh. J. C. Babu also informed committee that now as per the latest NGT order, CPCB Task Team is also required to approve action plans pertaining to P-III to P-IV submitted by the concerned States/UTs by 31.03.2020. However, there is no change in timelines for implementation of action plans i.e. to be complied by 31.3.2021. Thereafter, he requested representatives of State Boards/ State Government/ UT administration officials to present detailed action plans proposed for rejuvenation of the identified polluted river stretches in the respective State/UT. The representatives from Bihar, Delhi & Andhra Pradesh presented action plans and the Task Team reviewed the action plans.

Representative of Goa informed that revised action plans (on approval from RRC-Goa) will be submitted by 2nd/3rd week of January 2020 to CPCB.

Upon detailed deliberations, State-wise suggestions made by Task Team are detailed in the table below:

SNo.	State	Details of polluted River Stretches	Observations of the Task Team	Recommendations of the Task Team
1	Bihar	River-Sirsia Priority Class-III	Bihar Govt is required to prepare separate action plans for each river stretch. Following aspects are required to be included in action plans: 1. Sewage generation to be estimated based on projected population 2. For planned or ongoing projects, exact timelines in dates to be provided for completion of projects. 3. As the water quality of rivers depict low BOD and high Fecal and Total Coliform, management of domestic Sewage to be emphasized in the form of action plans with timelines 4. Gap analysis to be done for entire stretch instead of town wise for all the polluted rivers 5. Latest water quality of River stretches, tributaries and drains, with flow of drains be	Action plans are required to be prepared and submitted to CPCB by 20.1.2020.

			included 6. In cases where plastic waste, hazardous waste, C&D waste, e-waste treatment facilities are unavailable, development of facilities also be included as a part of action plans. 7. Action plans to incorporate and address the issues identified based on detailed gap analysis wrt sewage, industrial effluent, waste (s) management 8. Action plans shall cover all other aspects such as E-flow, Flood Plain Zone protection, ground water recharge, rain water harvesting, bio-diversity parks, removal of encroachments & Interception and Diversion of sewage/industrial effluent carrying drains as per Hon'ble NGT orders dated 20.9.2018, 19.12.2018, 8.4.2019 & 6.12.2019	
2	Delhi	River- Yamuna Priority Class- I	Action plan of River Yamuna submitted by Delhi Govt is not in line with latest NGT order dated 6.12.2019 wherein NGT directed Delhi Government to follow the action points delineated in the order of Hon'ble NGT dated 11.09.2019 in O.A. No. 06/2012 in which time bound action plans are stated along with implementing agencies. Action plan submitted by Delhi Govt should also review covering following aspects 1. Sewage generation stated in the action plan is calculated only on the basis of water Supply by DJB but not considering ground water consumption, projected population, floating population into account. 2. Sewage generation fixed by DJB as 720 MGD till Dec 2022 based on the water supply by DJB which needs to be revised considering increase in population over the years and ground water drawn by the population on their own. 3. Till proper facilities commissioned, interim measures for providing in-situ remediation of drains may be initiated in line with Hon'ble NGT order. 4. DJB's Sewerage action plan of 2031 may be divided into 5 year plans for better monitoring 5. Provisions to be included for 100% utilization of installed CETPs. 6. For solid waste management, door-to-door collection, segregation, transportation, treatment, disposal, remedial aspects such as bio-mining to be included 7. In cases where plastic waste, hazardous waste, C&D waste, e-waste treatment facilities are unavailable, use of facilities available in neighboring states may also be included till the facilities become operational in Delhi.	Delhi Govt. to submit revised action plan in line covering all aspects as per latest NGT order dated 6.12.2019 by 20.1.2020 to CPCB.

			8. For Plastic waste management, details of recyclable and non-recyclable waste be quantified along with facilities available for disposal. 9. A map showing all interceptor drains also be included & detailed elaborately. 10. All existing STPs should be ensured to operate at 100% utilization by way of proper I&D provision 11. Industrial areas where dry units are located, such areas may be declared that only dry units are allowed with captive STPs only & no need for CETPs 12. 24 areas notified as redevelopment areas for which action plans to be included 13. All natural drains to be ensured to carry only storm water but not sewage/ industrial effluent 14. Action plans covering all aspects as per Hon'ble NGT order passed in O. A. No 673/2018 & O. A. No 6/2012 to be included.	
3	Andhra Pradesh	River- Kundu Priority Class- IV River- Tungabhadra Priority Class- IV	Action plan submitted by Andhra Pradesh Govt is based on preliminary information compiled by AP Pollution Control Board. The action plans are to address all issues related to river pollution by concerned departments of AP Govt as per NGT orders dated 20.9.2018, 19.12.2018, 8.4.2019 and 6.12.2019. The action plans are to be reviewed and approved by RRC constituted by AP Govt.	Action plans are required to be revised and submitted to CPCB after approval by RRC

It was suggested to all the States/UTs to modify the action plans as per suggestions of the Task Team as well as covering all aspects as per Hon'ble NGT orders dated 20.09.2018, 19.12.2018, 8.4.2019 & 6.12.2019 by the concerned departments in the States/UTs and to seek approval of RRC constituted in the respective States or UTs, CPCB Task Team will consider only such approved action plans. RRC may designate one nodal officer / senior officer involved in preparation of action plans & only be deputed for presentation before CPCB Task Team henceforth.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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BY SPEED POST

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To

The Member Secretary,
SPCBs/PCCs

(Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal)

Sub: Minutes of 10th meeting of Task Team held in CPCB during 25th & 26th February, 2020 through Video Conferencing for ensuring compliance to Hon'ble NGT (PB) New Delhi orders dated 20.09.2018, 19.12.2018, 08.04.2019 & 06.12.2019 in O. A No. 673/2018

Sir,

Minutes of 10th meeting of the Task Team held during 25th & 26th February, 2020 in CPCB, Delhi (through Video Conferencing) has been uploaded in CPCB website at <https://cpcb.nic.in/NGTMC/OA673-10MoM.pdf> for kind information and for taking necessary action in light of the decisions taken in the afore-said meeting.

Also, arrange to submit revised action plans approved by RRC constituted by the State Govt./UT Administration preferably on or before 20.03.2020 to enable CPCB to consider submitted action plans in the next Task Team meetings tentatively scheduled during 30th -31st March, 2020.

Yours faithfully,



(A. Sudhakar)

Division Head, WQM-I

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Sub: 10th meeting of the Task Team for ensuring compliance to Hon'ble NGT order dated 6.12.2019 in OA No 673/2018 in the matter of News Item Published in 'THE HINDU' Titled "More river stretches are now critically polluted: CPCB" held during 25th to 26th February, 2020 in CPCB, Delhi.

Tenth meeting of the Task Team was held during 25th to 26th February, 2020, 2019 in CPCB, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, CPCB with the officials of State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/ Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) through Video Conferencing for scrutiny and reviewing the proposed action plans for rejuvenation of identified polluted river stretches in Priority III & IV along with action plan for rejuvenation of River Yamuna in Delhi Stretch. Officials of 24 States/ UTs viz., Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal participated in the meeting via Video Conferencing whereas Officials of Jammu & Kashmir and Delhi Govt. attended the meeting in CPCB. Officials of Jharkhand Govt. could not attend the meeting due to technical snag w.r.t. connectivity. List of participants is annexed at **Annexure I**.

Dr. Prashant Gargava welcomed members of the Task Team as well as officials of the States/UTs. Before reviewing the action plans he informed that all action plans should be prepared based on detailed gap analysis w.r.t. Sewage, industrial effluent and Waste management and all States/UTs must adhere to the timelines given by Hon'ble NGT for rejuvenation of Polluted River Stretches i.e. 31.3.2021. He advised that as STPs/ CETPs commissioning may take little longer, natural in-situ treatment systems such as phyto-remediation, constructed wetlands etc. may be applied on drains. He also informed that 15 models as suggested by CPCB for In-situ and Ex-situ treatment are also available on CPCB website. (<https://cpcb.nic.in/openpdf.php?id=TGF0ZXN0RmlsZS8yODVfMTU4MjYzMjkxN19tZWRRpYXBoY3RvMjY3MzcucGRm>), which may be referred for feasibility and subsequent adoption.

Members of Task Team were of the view that action plans in respect of P-III to P-V need not necessarily be made in line with action plans proposed for Priority I & II Polluted River Stretches. For river stretches with small habitations in their catchment especially in hilly terrain where installation of STPs are not feasible, option for wastewater treatment like In-situ and Ex-situ remediation techniques such as aerated lagoons, oxidation ponds, constructed wetlands as mentioned by MS may be adopted.

Thereafter, all SPCBs/ PCCs were requested to make detailed presentation on the action plans, covering brief about the polluted river stretch, sources of pollution, gap analysis, proposed timelines to implement action plans, achievable targets, budget estimates and agencies involved for implementation of approved action plans and its monitoring.

The recommendations of the task team on the action plan used by States/ UTs are detailed below:

S No	State	River Stretch reviewed	Observations and Suggestions of Task Team	Recommendations of the Task Team
Day 1: 25 th February, 2020				
1.	ANDHRA PRADESH	KUNDU	Observations: - RRC approved revised action plan incorporating recommendations made in 9th Task Team meeting held on 27.12.2019 not submitted to CPCB. - However, presentation made on revised action plan pertaining to Kundu River. Suggestions: - Flow and characteristics of all drains to be included - Water Quality data indicate short term measures are needed in order to achieve Bathing Water Quality - Effluent generated by Automobile service centers, HCFs and other small scale industries should also be covered while estimating the industrial effluent generation. - Low cost measures such as In-situ remediation of drains to be explored and included in action plan, wherever feasible as interim measures.	Not Recommended Action plan to be revised incorporating suggestions of CPCB Task team and be submitted to CPCB after approval of RRC
2.	ASSAM	BRAHAMPUTRA	Observations: - Timeline suggested for preparation of DPR for installation of STP only; Specific timelines not proposed in the Action plan - In-Situ Remediation of drains not proposed - Funding agencies not specified in all action points Suggestions: - Achievable targets to be specified.	Not Recommended State Govt. may seek additional time from Hon'ble NGT, if required. Action plan to be revised incorporating suggestions of CPCB Task team and be submitted to CPCB after approval of RRC before 10 th March

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			Suggestions: - Action plan to be revised adding latest water quality data for the polluted river, major drains with flow and other parameters. - Map showing all the towns, tributaries, drains & industrial estates, contributing to pollution to be included - Gap analysis with projection upto 15 years w.r.t sewage and Waste Management be included in action plan - Actions be initiated against industries functioning without captive ETPs or connection with CETPs. - Aspects such as Utilization of treated waste water, Removal of encroachments also be included	
26.	DELHI	YAMUNA	Suggestions: - Delhi Govt. to provide action point and department wise progress made on the suggestions given by CPCB in 9th task team meeting held on 27.12.2019. - As timelines specified are open ended, timelines for implementation of all action points to be included as per NGT orders in O. A. No 6/2012 and OA No. 673/2018 are to be examined and if found outside stipulated timeline, then NGT may be apprised for seeking approval of additional time after 31st March, 2021 by Delhi Govt. - Cost estimates and summary table of action plans to be incorporated - Interventions such as bio-remediation of drains,	Recommended subject to revision of action plan as per suggestions given by Task Team Delhi Govt. may seek additional time from Hon'ble NGT, if required. Action plan to be revised incorporating suggestions of CPCB Task team and be submitted to CPCB after approval of RRC before 10th March

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			Bio-mining of existing municipal legacy dumpsites to be included. - Delhi Govt. to ensure that all proposed new STPs/ upgraded STPs to comply with BOD <10 mg/l. - Revised action plan approved by RRC to be submitted to CPCB by Delhi State by 10th March, 2020.	

CPCB Task Team suggested all States/UTs to revise action plans reviewed in the meeting along with other action plans pertaining to Priority III & IV Polluted River Stretches in light of the recommendations of the CPCB Task Team covering aspects as per Hon'ble NGT orders in O. A. No 673/2018 and RRC approved revised action plans be submitted to CPCB for further scrutiny by CPCB Task Team.

It was also suggested that the action plans prepared must adhere to timelines stipulated by Hon'ble NGT and for extension of timeline, States/UTs may apprise Hon'ble NGT with justification and seek additional time.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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