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MINUTES OF MEETING

Kindly find enclosed the Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) constituted in compliance to the directions of the Hon'ble NGT dt. 20.09.2018 passed 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" held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Environment) on 15.03.2019 at Delhi Secretariat, for necessary action please.

Encl.: As above.

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2. Sh. S. M. Ali, MS (Delhi Pollution Control Committee), Kashmere Gate, Delhi.
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5. Sh. O.P. Shrivastav, CE, I&FC, GNCTD.
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1. Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board.
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5. PS to Pr. Secretary (Urban Development), Urban Development Department, GNCTD.
6. PS to Pr. Secretary (Environment & Forests) -cum- Chairman (DPCC).

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MINUTES OF THE 4th MEETING OF THE RIVER REJUVENATION COMMITTEE (RRC) CONSTITUTED AS PER THE DIRECTIONS OF THE HON'BLE NGT DT. 20.09.2018 PASSED 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" CONVENED UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SECRETARY (ENVIRONMENT), GNCTD ON 15.03.2019 AT DELHI SECRETARIAT.

The 4th Meeting of the River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) constituted in compliance to the directions of the Hon'ble NGT dt. 20.09.2018 passed 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 Secretary (Environment) on 15.03.2019.

As per the directions of the Hon'ble NGT, 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) within six months from the date of finalisation of the action plans. 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). As per the directions of the Hon'ble NGT dt. 19.12.2018, The Action Plan has to be submitted to CPCB by 31.01.2019.

Officers from various Departments including Environment, DPCC, Urban Development, DJB, Irrigation and Flood Control Department attended the meeting.

Record of attendance is enclosed.

Secretary (Environment) welcomed all the participants and requested Director (Env.) to appraise the gathering about the subject and initiate deliberations on the issue.

Director (Environment) briefed about the discussions held during the 1st RRC Meeting held on 01.11.2018, 2nd Meeting held on 20.11.2018 and 3rd Meeting held on 17.01.2019. He also appraised that the Action Plan by RRC Delhi was submitted to the CPCB on 30.01.2019 and subsequently a presentation was given by DPCC/ Environment Department at CPCB on 12.02.2019. An executive summary of the Action Plan was also prepared as per the format prescribed by CPCB and submitted to CPCB by email on 22.02.2019.

Further, the recommendations by CPCB Task Team regarding Action Plan by RRC-Delhi as mentioned in letter dated 25.02.2019 addressed to Member Secretary DPCC from Central Pollution Control Board regarding Compliance to Hon'ble NGT order dated 20th September, 2018 on this matter were also discussed. The CPCB task team has not recommended the action plan by Delhi and CPCB has requested to submit the revised action plan in compliance to Hon'ble NGT order dt. 20.09.2018 and 19.12.2018 with the approval of River Rejuvenation Committee to CPCB for further review.

Thereafter, officers present from Urban Development, DJB, Irrigation and Flood Control Department etc. expressed that they have already submitted inputs w.r.t the NGT order dated 20.09.2018 and 19.12.2018 and Delhi's Action Plan has been prepared on the basis of the Action Plan prepared by Yamuna Pollution Monitoring Committee, constituted by

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Hon'ble NGT vide order dated 26.07.2018. However, CPCB has not considered the Action Plan,

Thereafter, Secretary (Env.) directed RRC to check the Action Plan of the states whose Action Plan have been recommended by CPCB and Delhi Action may be revised on the same lines so that the same may be submitted to CPCB.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GNCTD

ATTENDANCE SHEET

Date: 15.03.2019/ 03.30 PM

Sub: The 4th Meeting of the River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) constituted as per the direction of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal order dt. 20.09.2018 passed 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"

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