OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of meeting held with NMCG, SPCBs and Expert Institutes on 28.05.2019 to discuss and finalize criteria for selection of GPls for inventory and annual inspection - reg.

Minutes of meeting held with NMCG, SPCBs and expert Institutes namely IIT BHU Varanasi, IIT Roorkee and IIT Delhi on 28.05.2019 to discuss and finalize criteria for selection of GPls for inventory and annual inspection through third party technical institutes is enclosed herewith for necessary action.

Encl: As above

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Minutes of meeting held with NMCG, SPCBs and Expert Institutes namely IIT BHU, IIT Roorkee and IIT Delhi on 28.05.2019 to discuss and finalize criteria for selection of GPIs for inventory and annual inspection

A meeting of NMCG, SPCBs, Expert Institutes namely IIT BHU, IIT Roorkee & IIT Delhi and CPCB was held on 28.05.2019 to discuss and finalize the criteria for selection of Grossly Polluting Industries (GPIs) to be considered for inventory and annual inspection through third party technical institutes under the Chairmanship of Dr Prashant Gargava, Member Secretary, CPCB Delhi.

Experts from IIT BHU, IIT Delhi, IIT Roorkee along with officials of SPCBs (Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand), NMCG and CPCB were present in the meeting and officials from BSPCB, WBPCB and RDs (Lucknow and Kolkata) participated through video conference. The list of participants is enclosed at Annexure-I.

Member Secretary, CPCB welcomed all the participants and mentioned that the meeting was organized to discuss NMCG’s request to inspect GPIs in entire Ganga basin including GPIs discharging into river Yamuna basin and its tributaries under the current project of annual inspections of GPIs along Ganga main-stem and tributaries.

Dr Ajit Vidyarthi, Additional Director and Divisional Head - WQM-II introduced all the participants and also briefed about process of inventoryization starting from 2011-12 to 2019 while listing the tributaries and sub-tributaries considered for inventory. It was highlighted that in the absence of specific criteria and inclusion of different tributaries/sub-tributaries, number of GPIs are being varied at large and impact of action taken would not be compared to previous actions which is creating hindrance in focussed action against industrial pollution control.

It was mentioned that CPCB, in consultation with 5 river Ganga main stem SPCBs, updated the inventory of GPIs in April, 2019 and considered all the GPIs operating in river Ganga main stem and discharging through tributaries/sub-tributaries into river Ganga except GPIs operating in river Yamuna basin and discharging through river Yamuna and its tributaries. It was again clarified that CPCB is currently monitoring GPIs and STPs discharging into river Ganga through drains, tributary or sub-tributary or directly in 5 main stem Ganga states and GPIs, of having potential to generate 100 kg/day BOD Load or handling hazardous chemicals or both, would continue to be considered as polluting sources.

Since a large number of GPIs are operating in river Yamuna basin, inspection of GPIs in river Yamuna basin alongwith river Ganga basin affect the current focussed actions in Ganga. Man-power is a constraint for inspection and follow-up of such a large number of GPIs in river Ganga and Yamuna basin under current PIAS project. However, it was felt that monitoring of GPIs in the Yamuna basin is important for improving water quality in Yamuna and NMCG was suggested to consider a separate project for river Yamuna basin.
Based on the discussions, the following decisions were made:

1. Inventory and monitoring of river Ganga and river Yamuna basin may be carried out separately. As number of GPIs discharging into river Yamuna and its tributaries are large and considering limited man-power, a separate project and set-up is required for inventory and monitoring of river Yamuna basin.

2. GPIs and CETPs operating in 5 main stem states (Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal) in Ganga and its tributaries excluding river Yamuna and its tributaries only shall be considered for inspection during 2019.

3. Concerned SPCBs shall review the existing list of GPIs with respect to the tributary/sub-tributary in their jurisdiction and send the list of GPIs, if any not included, within 15 days.

4. Based on the above, concerned SPCBs shall also list down GPIs which are connected with CETPs, which discharge into tributary/sub-tributary of river Ganga. Such tributaries/sub-tributaries will be considered for preparation of GPIs list. List may be provided to CPCB within 15 days.

Meeting ended with thanks to and from chair.

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