

**MINUTES OF THE START UP MEETING OF DISTRICT LEVEL
MONITORING COMMITTEE (DLMC) – KOLLAM HELD ON
15.06.2019 AT GOVT. GUEST HOUSE, ASHRAMAM, KOLLAM**

DLMC/KLM/MNTS-I/2019

Present

1. Hon'ble Justice A.V. Ramakrishna Pillai, Chairman, SLMC.
2. Smt. S. Sreekala, Member Secretary, SLMC (Member Secretary, KSPCB)
3. Dr. S. Karthikeyan, I.A.S., Chairman, DLMC (District Collector, Kollam)
4. Sri. Manoj M., Additional District Judge, Kollam
5. Sri. Moby J., Nodal Officer cum Secretary, DLMC (Deputy Collector (GL), Kollam)
6. Sri. Anil Kumar M., ACP, DCRB, Kollam City
7. Dr. C.R. Jayasankar, Dy. DMO (H)
8. Smt. P. Simi, Environmental Engineer, KSPCB, District Office, Kollam
9. Sri. G. Sudhakaran, District Co-ordinator, Suchitwa Mission
10. Sri. S. Issac, District Co-ordinator, HaritaKeralam Mission
11. Sri. Suresh V. O/o Asst. Director of Panchayats

Participants

1. Dr. Sheela A.M., Senior Environmental Engineer, KSPCB, HO
2. Sri. M.P. Thrideep Kumar, Environmental Engineer, KSPCB, HO
3. Smt. Sabah Nazeemudeen, Asst. Environmental Engineer, KSPCB, Regional Office
4. Smt. Rachel Thomas, Asst. Environmental Engineer, KSPCB, DO, Kollam
5. Smt. Resmi R. Russel, Asst. Engineer, KSPCB, HO
6. Kum. Smitha P. Raj, Asst. Engineer, KSPCB, DO, Kollam

The start up meeting of the District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC for short) commenced at 3.30 pm at Govt. Guest House, Ashramam, Kollam. The meeting was chaired by Hon'ble Justice A.V. Ramakrishna Pillai, Chairman, State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC for short). The Chairman, SLMC welcomed the members and participants of the DLMC. In the

introductory remarks the Chairman. SLMC explained the origin, constitution and the purpose of the constitution of the SLMC and the DLMC.

Hon'ble Justice A.V. Ramakrishna Pillai, Chairman, SLMC:

The Chairman brought the attention of the Members of the DLMC to the following directions of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in the order dated 25.4.2019 in O.A.No.606/2018 and insisted the need for circulating those directions among all the officials concerned, especially to the Secretaries of the various local bodies in the District for the implementation of those directions as well as the various provisions of the Environmental legislations in letter and spirit in a time bound manner. The directions are as under.

- i. Atleast three cities and three towns in the State and atleast three Villages in every District of the State may be identified within two weeks and earnest and demonstrable endeavor be made to make them fully compliant in respect of environmental norms within six months. Remaining State may be made fully compliant within one year.
- ii. A quarterly report be furnished by the Chief Secretary, every three months. First such report shall be furnished by July 30, 2019.
- iii. The Chief Secretary may personally monitor the progress, atleast once in a month, with all the District Magistrates.
- iv. The District Magistrates may monitor the status of compliance of environmental norms, atleast once in two weeks.
- v. The District Magistrates or other Officers may be imparted requisite training.
- vi. Estimate of value of environmental degradation and cost of restoration be prepared and compensation be planned and

recovered from polluters for environmental restoration and restitution on that basis.

vii. Performance audit of functioning of all regulatory bodies may be got conducted and remedial measures be taken. within six months.

viii. Introduction of a policy of giving ranking. based on performance on the subject of environment and giving of rewards or other incentives on that basis to individual areas, localities, institutions or individuals may be considered. This may also include encouraging students or other citizens significantly contributing to the cause of environment. The best practices may be evolved, if necessary, in the light of experiences on the subject. This may help in educating and involving public at large which may help in enhancing of environmental laws.

ix. The Chief Secretary may remain present in person before the Tribunal with the status of compliance in respect of various issues mentioned in para 22 as well as any other issues discussed in the above order on 06.11.2019. It is made clear that Chief Secretary may not delegate the above function and the further requirement of appearance before this Tribunal to anyone else. However, it will be open to him to change the date, by advance intimation by e-mail at ngr.filing@gmail.com to adjust their convenience.

It was also informed by the Chairman that the Punalur Municipality as well as Chavar, Perinad and Kadakkal Panchayats are identified as Model Local Bodies which are to be made fully compliant in respect of environmental norms within six months and other local bodies within one year from the date of the aforesaid order. It was also informed that lethargy of local bodies in complying with the directions would be viewed seriously and the Secretary of such local bodies would be held liable for violations.

Smt. S. Sreekala, Member Secretary, KSPCB & SLMC : The Member Secretary pointed out that heavy penalty will be imposed on defaulters as per the "Polluter Pays Principle".

Dr. S. Karthikeyan, I.A.S., Chairman, DLMC (District Collector, Kollam): The District Collector informed that the district administration, with the co-operation of HaritaKeralam Mission, Suchitwa Mission, Local Bodies and Pollution Control Board is implementing restoration of water bodies, waste dumping hot spots etc. The District Collector further informed that a rendering plant will be set up shortly in Kollam for slaughter waste disposal.

Sri. S. Issac, District Co-ordinator, HaritaKeralam Mission: The Dist. Co-ordinator HaritaKeralam Mission informed that in 62 out of 68 Panchayats the service of harita karma sena is available. Of the urban local bodies, Kollam Corporation and the Municipalities of Punalur and Kottarakara also have the service of harita karma sena. Door to door collection of plastic waste is carried out by harita karma sena but the main bottle neck in the processing of the materials collected is the protest from the public against setting up of waste management facilities.

Dr. C.R. Jayasankar, Dy. DMO (H): The Deputy DMO pointed out that public agitation is the main hurdle in setting up of common bio-medical waste treatment facilities. The food waste disposal is the major issue faced by the Govt hospitals. The Chairman SLMC suggested the model of Dist. Hospital, Ernakulam may be adopted where the organizations and individuals are giving monetary support to the hospital and the food is supplied directly by the hospital to the patients as prescribed by the dietician.

The following resolutions were taken in the meeting:

1. The District Collector (District Magistrate) shall monitor the progress and status of compliance of environmental norms by all concerned especially the local bodies in the district at least once in two weeks.
2. After collecting data through the aforesaid monitoring, the DLMC shall be convened once in three weeks for reviewing the progress and for suggesting remedial measures to achieve better results.
3. Monthly progress report on the basis of the above shall be prepared and the same shall be forwarded to the Chief Secretary with a copy to SLMC in the e-mail ID slmckerala2019@gmail.com, so that the details in the said report could be made use of for preparing the quarterly report to be submitted before the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal.
4. Training programs shall be arranged for the Secretaries of the Local Bodies in the District on environmental laws with special references to their powers and duties as well as the technical aspects on the subject. The training programs shall be arranged jointly by the District Legal Services Authority, Pollution Control Board, Suchithwa Mission and Haritha Kerala Mission. The copy of presentation included in the notes circulated by the Chairman, SLMC among the Members of the Committee can be made use of for guidance in the matter.
5. Awareness programs shall be arranged in educational institutions in the district by the District Legal Services Authority with the assistance of Education Department, Haritha Kerala Mission and Suchithwa Mission.
6. The District Legal Services Authority shall conduct social audit for assessing the problems faced by the public on issues of environmental

protection and also for assessing the final result of each activity undertaken by the DLMC.

7. Cleaning programs shall be undertaken by the local authority not only during pre-monsoon season but also throughout the year.
8. Door to door collection of segregated waste shall be arranged by the local bodies within their limit. The local bodies can insist for payment of user fee by the waste generators. The possibility of realizing user fee along with property tax from those who are refusing to pay the same can be explored. However, people below poverty line may be exempted from paying user fee.
9. Local bodies shall install waste segregation plants within their local limits.
10. Local bodies shall ensure that industrial waste as well wastes from hotels and restaurants are not being dumped into drains and water bodies.
11. Local bodies shall install cameras to identify persons dumping waste in public places and water bodies.
12. As plastic wastes from industrial units are more or less homogenous in nature, they shall be collected separately and sent to units for shredding or recycling.
13. Major commercial establishment/industrial units shall be directed to have their own plastic shredding units as it requires only a small area for operation.
14. The land for providing common treatment facility for bio-medical and solid waste as well as the land for a common rendering plant for poultry waste shall be identified by the district administration with the help of local authority.
15. Directorate of Panchayath and urban directors shall collect details with respect to status of waste handling in village and urban local bodies respectively.

16. The Police Department shall line the department in action. in the event of report of unauthorized waste dumping. In such cases, the copy of the FIR shall be forwarded to the District Legal Services Authority and the Kerala State Pollution Control Board so as to facilitate realization of compensation from the violators on 'polluter pays' principle.
17. The value of environmental degradation on account of violation of environmental laws shall be estimated and cost of restoration shall be assessed and compensation shall be fixed by the Pollution Control Board and the same shall be recovered from the violators for restoration and restitution. The District Legal Services Authority shall render necessary assistance in assessing the damage and fixing the compensation.
18. Sanitation facilities are to be improved in hospital premises. The handling and disposal of food waste in hospitals can be improved if the sources of generation of wastes are controlled. If arrangements are made in the hospital itself for the preparation of food for patients and bystanders according to specified standards with the help of public support, food from out side can be curtailed gradually as experienced in District Hospital, Ernakulam. However, proper preparation and distribution of food to the patients and bystanders as well as the continuity of the same shall be ensured before enforcing total ban on food from outside.
19. Successful models like Taluk Head Quarters Hospital, Punalur, Primary Health Centre, Kadirur, Community Health Centre, Keechery, Primary Health Centre, Thrikkakkara as well as District Hospital, Ernakulam can be adopted by similar institutions in the district.
20. The Forest Department shall ensure that concrete wastes, electronic wastes, liquor bottles, etc., are not dumped or littered in forest areas. Necessary surveillance shall be arranged for this purpose. If any such

dumping in forest areas are noticed it shall be informed to the DLMC so that immediate remedial measures can be taken.

21. For the proper implementation of various activities the DLMC shall be expanded adding the following.

- a. Deputy Director of Education.
- b. Representative of Irrigation Department.
- c. Representative of Kerala Water Authority.
- d. Representatives of PWD Roads as well as Buildings Divisions.
- e. Representative of Directorate of Urban Affairs.
- f. LSGD Engineers of the Locality.
- g. Any other authority or person who, in the opinion of the District Collector, is necessary for the proper implementation of the activities of the DLMC can also be included in the Committee.

22. The District Legal Services Authority shall render necessary assistances for coordinating the activities of the DLMC to avoid stumbling blocks.

23. The nodal officer of the DLMC (If the nodal officer of the DL MC is not appointed so far a Senior officer of the Collectorate preferably the ADM shall be appointed as nodal officer without delay) shall collect informations for preparing for progress report, arrange meetings of the DLMC as per the schedule, forward the copies of the report to the SL MC and Chief Secretary and bring the communications from the Government and SL MC in the matter to the knowledge of the District Collector without fail.

24. The DL MC shall have link with website of SL MC (www.krslmc.in) so that the reports, minutes etc. can be uploaded in the website for public information.

25. Copies of these minutes signed by the Chairman, DL MC shall be circulated among all the members for future guidance. The representative of the District Panchayath shall circulate of the copies of

these minutes to the Secretaries of the local bodies in the district without fail.

The Chairman thanked all participants and the meeting concluded at 4.45 pm.



DISTRICT COLLECTOR

Deputy Collector (GL) &
Additional District Magistrate
Kollam