

Proceedings of the Government of Karnataka.

Sub: Constitution of "River Rejuvenation Committee" to prepare action plans for restoration of the polluted river stretches to the prescribed standards-reg

Read: 1. The orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi in Original Application No. 673/2018 dated 20th September, 2018
2. Letter No. PCB/CEO-2(RPS)/Action Plan/2018-19/250, dated 25.10.2018 of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board.

Preamble:

Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi in Original Application No. 673/2018 dated 20th September, 2018 have noted that as per the assessment by the CPCB there are 351 polluted river stretches in the country, where the BOD content is more than 3mg/L, out of which 17 river stretches are in the State of Karnataka.

The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal have issued the directions vide Order read at (1) above with regard to prepare action plans within two months 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. The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal have also directed that the action plans shall be prepared by four-member Committee comprising, Director, Environment., Director, Urban Development., Director, Industries., Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board of concerned State, which will also be the Monitoring Committee for execution of the action plan. The Committee may be called "River Rejuvenation Committee" (RRC). The RRC will function under the overall supervision and coordination of Principal Secretary, Environment of the concerned State.

Accordingly, the KSPCB vide its letter read at (2) above has requested to constitute "River Rejuvenation Committee" to prepare action plans for restoration of the polluted river stretches in the State of Karnataka to the prescribed standards as per the order of Hon'ble NGT.

The Government after considering the issue in detail, have decided to constitute "River Rejuvenation Committee". Hence this order.

**Government Order No. FEE 214 EPC 2018 , Bangalore,
Dated 24.11.2018.**

Pursuant to the facts and circumstances explained in the preamble, the Government hereby constitutes the "River Rejuvenation Committee" with the following members:

1. The Principal Secretary to Government (Ecology and Environment), Forest, Ecology and Environment Department.	Chairman
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2.	The Director, Directorate of Municipal Administration	Member.
3.	The Commissioner for Industrial Development & Director of Industries and Commerce, Department of Industries and Commerce	Member
4.	The Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board	Member-Convener

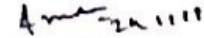
The River Rejuvenation Committee will function under the overall supervision and coordination of the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department.

The Committee shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

1. The Committee shall prepare action plans within two months 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.
2. The Committee shall include in the action plan components like identification of polluting sources including functioning/ status of STPs/ETPs/CETP and solid waste management and processing facilities, quantification and characterization of solid waste, trade and sewage generated in the catchment area of polluted river stretch.
3. The Committee shall address in the action plan the issues relating to; ground water extraction, adopting good irrigation practices, protection and management of Flood Plain Zones (FPZ), rain water harvesting, ground water charging, maintaining minimum environmental flow of river and plantation on both sides of the river. Setting up of biodiversity parks on flood plains by removing encroachment shall also be considered as an important component for river rejuvenation.
4. The Committee shall focus in the action plan on proper interception and diversion of sewage carrying drains to the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and emphasis should be on utilization of treated sewage so as to minimize extraction of ground or surface water.
5. The Committee shall prepare the action plan having speedy, definite or specific timelines for execution of steps. Provision may be made to pool the resources, utilizing funds from State budgets, local bodies, State Pollution Control Board and out of Central Schemes.
6. The Committee shall have a website inviting public participation from educational institutions, religious institutions and commercial establishments. Achievement and failure may also be published on such website.
7. The Committee shall send progress reports by e-mail at filing.ngt@gmail.com on or before 15.12.2018.

The funds deposited under the order of the Hon'ble Tribunal besides funds available under Consent Mechanism in the State Pollution Control Board shall be utilized for the purpose of expenditure for the Committee, including preparation and execution of action plans in accordance with the provisions contained in the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.

By order and in the name of Governor
of Karnataka



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