MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT LEVEL AIR QUALITY MONITORING COMMITTEE (DL-AQMC) MEETING CONDUCTED ON 07-10-2020 AT 3.00 PM AS PER THE ORDERS OF HON'BLE NGT, NEW DELHI IN O.A No. 681 OF 2018

The following Officials have attended the meeting:

- 1. The Additional Collector (Revenue), Sangareddy District
- 2. The Executive Engineer, R&B, Sangareddy District
- 3. The Environmental Engineer, RO-I, TSPCB, Sangareddy District
- 4. The Deputy Commissioner, RTA, Sangareddy District
- 5. The Deputy Tahsildhar, District Civil Supplies Office, Sangareddy
- 6. The Assistant Director, District Industries Centre, Sangareddy District
- 7. The Circle Inspector of Traffic Police, Sangareddy
- 8. The Sanitary Inspector, Sangareddy Municipality
- 9. The CPCB Co-ordinator, National Clean Air Programme, Hyderabad
- 10. The Project Co-ordinator, M/s. Torrent Gas, Hyderabad.

At outset, the Regional Officer, TSPCB, Sangareddy District welcomed the Chairman and Members of District Level Air Quality Monitoring Committee (DL-AQMC) constituted, vide G.O.Rt.No.33, dated 14.03.2019, to ensure the implementation of the Action Plans and air quality at the District level in Sangareddy as per the Orders of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, New Delhi in O.A.No. 681 of 2018 and the other officers to the meeting.

The Environmental Engineer, TSPCB, Sangareddy explained about the Hon'ble NGT, New Delhi orders regarding Non Attainment cities with respect to Ambient Air Quality as follows:

- a) The CPCB identified three non-attainment cities based on the Ambient Air Quality (AAQ) data with respect to Particulate Matter Concentration for the years 2011-2015, namely Hyderabad, Patancheru and Nalgonda for not meeting the National Ambient Air Quality standards.
- b) The Hon'ble NGT, vide order dated 08.10.2018, directed all the states and Union Territories to constitute Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) and AQMCs to prepare appropriate action plans within two months aimed at bringing the standards of air quality within the prescribed norms within six months from the date of finalization of action plans in non-attainment cities.

- c) The Environment, Forest, Science & Technology Dept., Govt. of Telangana, vide G.O.Rt. No.33, dated 14.03.2019 has constituted District Level Monitoring Committee for Air Quality Management for the Districts Hyderabad, Medchal, Ranagareddy, Sangareddy, Medak, Yadadri, Siddipet and Nalgonda.
- d) Action Plans for non attainment cities based on Ambient Air Quality data for the years 2011-2015 were submitted by the State to the CPCB and the same were approved on 15.04.2019.
- e) Subsequently, the CPCB has identified 20 additional non-attainment cities based on the air quality data for the period from 2014 2018, including Sangareddy town. The Hon'ble NGT, vide order dated 06.08.2019, directed concerned SPCBs to prepare city action plans for 20 newly added non-attainment cities and submit to CPCB within two months.
- f) The city action plan for Sangareddy was submitted to the CPCB. The CPCB, vide order dated 26.06.2020 approved the Sangareddy as non-attainment town and directed the state to implement the city action plan, submit financial layout of each action within 30 days and submit progress report of the same to CPCB on quarterly basis in the action plan format.
- g) With regard to Brick Kilns, the EE, TSPCB, Sangareddy brought to the notice of the Committee, that a letter dated 05.09.2020 was communicated to the District Collector, Sangareddy by the TSPCB, Hyderabad. The Member Secretary, TSPCB, Hyderabad requested the District collector, Sangareddy (as brick kilns are issued licence by revenue department) to stipulate a condition that natural draft will not allowed and only induced draft will be permitted for the Brick kilns and also to suggest one pilot plant for the study proposed to be taken up by the institute engaged by the TSPCB. The Member Secretary, TSPCB also requested to hold a meeting with industries to facilitate switching over to cleaner fuels, where CNG lines are available

The Regional Officer, TSPCB, Sangareddy communicated a format to the Chairman and members of the committee, prepared by the CPCB for submission of quarterly progress report to the CPCB in compliance with Hon'ble NGT Orders.

The Additional Collector / Chairman, DL-AQMC reviewed with the members of DL-AQMC on point wise action plan submitted by the State and discussed with the officials as follows:

- a. Municipal solid waste shall be collected properly and shall be dumped in a secured place.
- b. Municipal solid waste shall not be dumped besides the roads.
- c. Dumping of municipal solid waste was observed beside Kalabgoor road, Manjeera pipe line road.
- d. Develop green plantation along the roads and open areas, where the solid waste is being dumped, to avoid the dumping of the waste.
- e. Shop owners shall be directed to sapling a plant in front side of the shop and shall take responsibility for growth of the sapling.
- f. Dust accumulations were observed beside the dividers on the roads, indicating that the dust is not being removed after sweeping. The dust heaps shall be removed immediately to avoid dust pollution during vehicle movement.
- g. Ban on open burning of municipal solid waste shall be strictly implemented and fines shall be imposed on defaulters.
- h. Ensure working of all the traffic signals in the town.
- i. Conversion of the Educational institutional buses, Commercial Cabs and Autos to use cleaner fuels i.e., CNG/LPG.
- j. Promote usage of CNG vehicles in the town and usage of CNG in the hotels, restaurants, Bakeries etc.
- k. Submit proposals if any for widening of roads, where required, to control traffic in the
- 1. Controlling of parking of heavy vehicles besides the road near Pothireddypally cross roads to control vehicular pollution.
- m. Verify the PUC of vehicles and impose fines on defaulters. Initiate action on visibly emission emitting vehicles.

The Additional Collector / Chairman instructed to form a committee with the District Labor officer, AD Mines & Geology, Concerned Tahsildhar and EE, TSPCB to verify the brick kilns operating in the district and to take action according to the Rules.

The representative of Sangareddy Municipality informed to the committee, they have imposed fines up to Rs. 85,000/- on open burning of solid waste and seized 2 vehicles while dumping the solid waste besides the roads / illegally in Sangareddy town. Also informed about 3,80,000 plants were planted in open areas and along the roads.

The Deputy Commissioner, RTA informed to the committee, that about 400 cases have been booked for not having valid PUC certification in this year and allowing only BS VI new vehicles for registration.

The EE, R&B informed to the committee, that bypass road is proposed for connecting Jogipet road to NH-65 via MNR hospital road. Traffic will be reduced after completion of the bypass road. And also informed, widening of roads are not required inside of the town.

The Project Co-ordinator, M/s. Torrent Gas has informed to the committee, that they are authorized by the Government to supply CNG in the districts of Sangareddy, Siddipet and Medak. Provided 5 Nos of CNG filling stations in Sangareddy District. Pipeline works for supply of CNG in the town will be completed by March, 2021. CNG is pollution free, eco friendly, low cost than liquid fuels. The member requested the committee to direct the industries for conversion from coal to CNG.

The EE, TSPCB informed to the committee, that a meeting was conducted on 30.09.2020 with industries at IALA office, IDA, Pashamailaram along with representatives of M/s. Torrent Gas, Hyderabad for conversion of fuels from coal / furnace oil to CNG.

The Additional Collector / Chairman requested the members to submit the quarterly progress report in the given prescribed format at the earliest in compliance of the Hon'ble NGT orders.

TSPCB, RO-I, Sangareddy.

Additional District Collector & Addl.

Magistrate, Sangareddy