

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DISTRICT LEVEL SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT SURVEILLANCE TASK FORCE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, UTTARA KANNADA DISTRICT, KARWAR.

Venue: Meeting Hal of Deputy Commissioner.

Date: 27.02.2019 at 11:00 AM

Chairman of the committee	Dr. Harishkumar K. I.A.S Deputy Commissioner, Uttara Kannada District, Karwar and Chairman of the District Level Special Environment Surveillance Task Force.
Members of the Committee	1. Shri T. Govindaiah , Member Secretary, District Legal Service Authority, Karwar and Member of the District Level Special Environment Surveillance Task Force. 2. Dr. Gopal Bykod , Additional Superintendent of Police, Karwar, representing Superintendent of Police, Member of the District Level Special Environment Surveillance Task Force.
Member Convener	Smt. Vijaya Hegde Environnemental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Karwar and Member covener of the District Level Special Environment Surveillance Task Force.
Special Invitees	1. Sri. S.P. Viraktamath Project Director (Incharge), DUDC, Karwar (U.K) 2. Sri. Yateesh Kumar , Deputy Conservator of Forest, Haliyal. 3. Sri. M.P. Imal Senior Geologist, District Ground Water Office, Karwar. 4. Sri. V.T. Kawari Assistant Conservator of Forest, Ganeshgudi. 5. Dr. Syed Zahed AG , Commissioner, CMC-Dandeli. 6. Sri. Ramadas S. Desai , Assistant Exécutive Engineer Civil, K.P.C. Ltd., Ganeshgudi. 7. Sri. Mallikarjun G.B. Environmental Engineer, CMC-Karwar. 8. Sri. Yakoob , Health Inspector, CMC-Karwar. 9. Sri. KG Giriraj , Senior Deputy General Manager, M/s. West Coast Paper Mills Ltd., Dandeli 10. Sri. Manorangan , Assistant General General Manager (TS), M/s. West Coast Paper Mills Ltd., Dandeli 11. Sri. M:T. Naik Manager Environment, M/s. West Coast Paper Mills Ltd., Dandeli 12. Sri. Uday C. Naregal Shift Incharge, M/s. West Coast Paper Mills Ltd., Dandeli

At the outset Smt. Vijaya Hegde, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Karwar welcomed the members and the special invitees and explained in brief about the background behind Govt. order constituting the District Level Special Environment Surveillance Task Force and requested the Deputy Commissioner to conduct meeting.

Deputy Commissioner drew the attention of all the members to the order of Hon'ble NGT in OA No. 673/2018 dated 20th September, 2018 and explained that the Hon'ble NGT, Principal Bench, New Delhi have observed 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.

He further informed that the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal have issued the directions in the above order 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 < 3mg/L and FC < 500 MPN/100ml) within six months from the date of finalization of the action plans. In the same order, Hon'ble NGT has directed the Governments to constitute the River rejuvenation Committees at the state level to finalise and to monitor the execution of the action plans. Similarly, a Special Environment Surveillance Task Force at the District level to oversee the monitoring of the action plan.

Accordingly, the state Government has constituted State level River Rejuvenation Committee vide Government Order No. FEE 214 EPC 2018, Bengaluru, Dated: 24-11-2018 under the chairmanship of the Principal secretary to Govt., DFEE, GOK and with members consisting of Director, Municipal Administration, Commissioner for Industries and Member Secretary, KSPCB, Bengaluru.

And in the Government Order No. FEE 214 EPC 2018, Bengaluru, Dated: 03.01.2019, constituted the District level "Special Environment Surveillance Task Force" for each district with the Deputy Commissioner of the district as its Chairman and Superintendent of police and a person nominated by District judge in his capacity as Chairman, Legal Services Authority and Regional Officer, KSPCB as member Convenor. He informed that the District Level Special Environment Surveillance Task Force for Karwar is constituted based on the above Govt. order after obtaining nomination of Shri Govindaih, from the Legal Services authority.

He further informed that this committee has to submit a monthly action taken report to the State level River Rejuvenation Committee and in turn state level committee has to submit three monthly report to CPCB on the implementation of the action plan and as such instructed every one to treat the matter seriously. He directed member convenor to explain point wise details of action plan before the committee. Accordingly, the pointwise action plan was discussed as follows:

Sl. No.	Action plan for rejuvenation of river Kali	Organisation/Agency responsible for execution of the action plan	Time Target	Discussion points
I	Industrial Pollution Control			
	(a) Compliance of industries located in catchment area with respect to effluent discharge standards and its disposal as per consent conditions.	KSPCB		Environmental Officer informed that only one large scale 17-category industry is located in this region by name M/s. West Coast Paper Mills Ltd., they have provided effluent treatment plant for trade effluent and treated effluent is meeting with the standards as per the analysis conducted every month. The authorities have installed online continuous effluent monitoring system for treated trade effluent and same is connected to Central Pollution Control Board website. Further, it was informed that KSPCB has directed the industry to take effective steps to reduce water consumption for process and also given direction to reuse the maximum portion of the treated effluent for secondary purposes. Sri. KG Giriraj, Senior Deputy General Manager from the above said industry briefed about pollution abatement measures taken in the industry and compliance made by the industry to the KSPCB consent order. Regional Officer further informed that there are many home stays and resorts along the banks of the river Kali out of which
	(b) Inventorization of the industries in the catchment area of River Kali covering assessment on aspects relating to Status of Consents under Water & Air Acts and Authorisation, Effluent Generation, ETP capacities and final mode of effluent discharge.	KSPCB		
	(c) Actions against the Identified industries in operation without Consents under Water & Air Acts / Authorisation under the H & OW (M & TM) Rules, 2016 as amended.	KSPCB		
	(d) Action against the industries not installed ETPs or ETPs exist but not operating or ETP outlet or treated effluent is not complying to the effluent discharge standards or norms.	KSPCB		
	(e) Action against the red category industries for installation of	KSPCB		

<p>OCEMS and not transferring data to CPCB and KSPCB</p>			<p>resorts (more than 20 rooms) are insisted for consent from KSPCB, whereas, home stays and smaller resorts are kept away from the purview of Pollution Control Board and as such require to be covered by the respective local bodies.</p> <p>Deputy Commissioner directed the Commissioner, CMC Dandeli to visit the industry once and to produce status report of the M/s WCPM Ltd., Dandeli. Regarding Homestays and resorts within the jurisdiction of municipal limits, he informed the Commissioner, CMC, Dandeli to inventorise them and give status report to the committee. In case they are violating the norms, to initiate action on such establishments. Resorts and home stays outside the CMC limit, he instructed KSPCB to obtain the list from the Tourism Dept. or from Taluk Panchayats and initiate action in case of non-compliances and give a status report before the committee.</p> <p>(Action: KSPCB and CMC, Dandeli and Tourism Department and Taluk Panchayats)</p>
<p>(1) Small scale / tiny and service providing units located in urban or semi-urban limits like Dairies, Auto Service Stations to have minimum provision of O & G traps:</p>	<p>Local Authorities (Dandeli/KArwar) /DMA</p>		<p>The Deputy Commissioner directed Commissioner, CMC Dandeli to do inventorization of such units falling under their jurisdiction. Commissioner, CMC-Dandeli requested</p>