

The Proceedings of the meeting of the Special Environment Surveillance Task Force Constituted by the Govt of Karnataka as per the NGT order in respect of the Krishna River Stretch in Raichur- District vide order No. FEE 214 EPC 2018, Bengaluru, dated: 03-01-2019 held on 03-05-2019 in Deputy Commissioner Office, Raichur.

Chairman	:	Sri B Sharath, IAS Deputy Commissioner, Raichur Dist.
Officers Present	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of the Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Raichur. • Sri M S Natesh, Environmental Officer & Member Convener, KSPCB, Raichur.
Special Invitees Present	:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Senior Geologist, Department of Mines and Geology, Raichur. 2. Assistant Executive Engineer, Karnataka Water Supply and Drainage Board, Raichur. 3. Deputy Forest Conservator, Forest Department, Raichur. 4. Assistant Executive Engineer, Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigama, Devadurga- Sub Division, Devadurga, Raichur.
Officers Absent with invitation	:	Superintendent of Police, Raichur.
Special Invitees Absent	:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chief Officer, Municipality, Devadurga. 2. Chief Officer, Taluk Panchayat , Devadurga.

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The Deputy Commissioner and the chairman of the District Special Environment Surveillance Task Force welcomed all members & invitees to the first meeting of the task force and gave a following background regarding the constitution of the task force and its functions.

Hon'ble National Green Tribunal ,Principal Bench, New Delhi in case original Application No.673/2018 dated 20th September, 2018 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 351, 17 river stretches are in the State of Karnataka. The Krishna River stretch from Yadurawadi (Belagavi- Dist) to Tintini Bridge of about 96 Km is one of the polluted river stretch and a small part of the said stretch falls in Lingsugur Taluk of the Raichur District near Tintini bridge.

As per the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal directions, an action plan 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) has been prepared by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board in January-2019 and submitted to the NGT through River Rejuvenation Committee. The action plan needs to be implemented within six months from the time of finalization.

To oversee and monitor the implementation of the action plan by the concerned Departments, Special Environment Surveillance Task Force has been constituted in all the concerned districts, including Raichur, comprising of following members.

1	Deputy Commissioner/ District Magistrate	Chairman
2	Superintendent of Police	Member
3	One person to be nominated by District Judge in his capacity as Chairman of Legal Services Authority	Member
4	Regional Officer's of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board of Concerned district.	Member Convener

The functions of the above District level Special Environment Surveillance Task Force are as follows:

1. The concerned Task Force shall oversee and monitor the implementation by the concerned departments with regard to action plans in respect of the river stretches of their jurisdiction, submitted to Hon'ble National Green Tribunal by River Rejuvenation Committee.
2. The Task Force shall identify persons responsible for violation of law so that action can be taken.
3. The Task Force shall also ensure that no illegal mining takes place in river beds of Polluted stretches.
4. The Task Force shall submit a monthly action taken report to the State level River Rejuvenation Committee and the State level River Rejuvenation Committee shall furnish a three monthly report or the action taken report to the Central Pollution Control Board.

5. Such reports shall be uploaded on the website of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board as well as the Environment Department of the Karnataka State.

Copies of the action plan prepared by the KSPCB in respect of the Krishna River stretch from Yadurawadi (Belagavi- Dist) to Tintini Bridge were distributed to the members and invitees present in the meeting.

With the above background The Deputy Commissioner and The Chairman of the task force called upon the concerned officers to give their feedback.

- The Assistant Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Raichur stated that the above river stretch falls in Lingsugur-Tq of the Raichur district near Tintini bridge.
- The Senior Geologist, Dept of Mines & Geology, Raichur stated that, no illegal sand mining is allowed in the above river stretch.
- The Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Raichur stated that, there is no industrial activities along the above river stretch in Raichur district.

As the part of the above river stretch is confined to Lingsugur-Tq of the district, it is decided to constitute a sub-committee under the chairmanship of the Assistant Commissioner, Lingsugur Sub-Division with following members to oversee the implementation of action plan.

1. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Lingsugur.
2. The Assistant Conservator of Forest, Lingsugur.
3. Tahashildar, Lingsugur Tq.
4. The Excecutive Officer, Taluk Panchayat, Lingsugur.
5. The Chief Oficer, Municipality, Lingsugur.

6. Assistant Executive Engineer, KBJLN, Lingsugur Sub-Division.
7. Senior Geologist, State Ground Water Authority, Dept of Mines & Geology, Raichur.
8. Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply, Lingsugur Tq will be the Member Convener.

The above committee shall meet every 02 months and shall plan for the implementation of the action plan and any problems arising during the implementation shall be brought to the notice of the District Committee. A report in this regard shall be submitted to the District Committee. The District Committee will meet once in 03 months to review the progress in implementation of the action plan.

It was decided to co-opt the Chief Executive Officer of the Zilla Panchayath and the Project Director, District Urban Development Cell as members to the District Committee

The chairman concluded the meeting by thanking all the members and invitees.

Sd/-
Deputy Commissioner and
Chairman of the District Special
Environment Surveillance Task
Force, Raichur.

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Copy to:

1. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, M.S. Building, Bengaluru for kind information.

2. Member Secretary, KSPCB, No: 49, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street, Bangalore.
3. Superintendent of Police, Raichur.
4. Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Raichur.
5. The Assistant Commissioner, Lingsugur Sub-Division with a copy of action plan.
6. Chief Officer, Municipality, Devadurga.
7. Chief Officer, Taluk Panchayat, Devadurga.
8. Senior Geologist, Department of Mines and Geology, Raichur.
9. Assistant Executive Engineer, Karnataka Water Supply and Drainage Board, Raichur.
10. Deputy Forest Conservator, Forest Department, Raichur.
11. Assistant Executive Engineer, Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigama, Devadurga- Sub Division, Devadurga.
12. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Lingsugur.
13. The Assistant Conservator of Forest, Lingsugur.
14. Tahashildar, Lingsugur Tq.
15. The Executive Office, Taluk Panchayat, Lingsugur.
16. The Chief Officer, Municipality, Lingsugur.
17. Assistant Executive Engineer, KBJLN, Lingsugur Sub-Division.
18. Senior Geologist, State Ground Water Authority, Dept of Mines & Geology, Raichur.
19. Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply, Lingsugur Tq with a copy of action plan and to convene the meeting of the sub-committee at the earliest and to send the proceedings to the District Special Environment Surveillance Task Force.


**Member Convener and
Environmental Officer
KSPCB, Raichur.**