

GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN
ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

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Meeting Minutes

The 1st meeting of the Standing Committee for the Management of the Sambhar Lake was organized on 11-02-2020 at 11:00 AM in the Conference Hall-1 of Secretariat Jaipur under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Rajasthan. The list of participants is at Annexure.


Principal Secretary, Environment & Forests explained the purpose of the constitution of the Standing Committee and its Terms of Reference. A presentation was made on the agenda items and after discussions, the following decisions were taken:

1. ACS Industries informed that four Committees have been constituted for Sambhar which are overlapping in nature. It was decided that Industries Department and Environment Department will discuss the relevance of the committees in the present scenario and finalize whether the Committees are to be continued or not. (Action: Industries & Environment Departments)
2. State Lake Authority has been constituted by the State Government for which the LSG Department is the nodal department. It has been informed by the LSG department that due to lack of human resources and infrastructure, Lake Authority is not effective. As the State Wetland Authority has now been constituted in compliance with the Wetland Rules, 2017, it was decided that action may be taken to repeal the Lake Authority under the LSG department and all wetlands may be monitored by the State Wetland Authority. (Action: LSG Department)
3. Pr. Secretary Tourism, Commissioner Industries Chief Engineer GWD and WRD, SE of AVVNL and JVVNL & VC RAJUVAS or his representative may be included in the Standing Committee as members. (Action Environment Department) .
4. It was observed that the paths of Medha and Rupangarh rivers which drain into the Sambhar Lake have been blocked by the illegal mines which has led to stoppage of the inflow of water into the Sambhar Lake. Consequently, the

submergence area of the lake has decreased since 1976. It was decided to identify illegal mining and immediate action be taken to stop illegal mining activities in the Sambhar Lake area. (Action: SSL, Police/Revenue/DC-Jaipur, Ajmer, Nagaur)

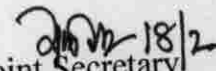
5. AVVNL should disconnect illegal connections to the pumping stations being used for mining (Action: JVVNL, AVVNL/DC-Jaipur, Ajmer, Nagaur/SSL)
6. RSPCB will collect water samples pre and post-monsoon every year for analysis and assessment of bacterial diseases and other properties. It will cover all three districts. Data will be submitted to the Environment Department. (Action RSPCB)
7. The representations regarding illegal mining and encroachments received from various sources are to be enquired into and factual report submitted in the next meeting. (Action: DC/SSL/Industries Dept.)
8. Recent deaths and rescue of migratory birds were reviewed. VC, RAJUVAS informed that the cause of deaths was Avian Botulism and briefed about action required to be taken in the future. It was directed that the local people may be sensitized by District Collectors, regular surveillance may be done in the area and an SOP may be developed in this regard for compliance by all agencies/ departments.
9. A Sub-Committee of this Committee headed by Secretary Environment may be constituted by the Environment Department for developing an SOP based on the NEERI report, Shri Vinod Kapoor report, INTACH recommendations, MoEFCC reports and inputs from the departments. The SOP will define the roles and responsibilities of various agencies/ Departments concerned with Sambhar Lake. This will ensure that monitoring of the arrival/stay/departure of migratory birds is done effectively. (Action: Environment Department).
10. The aforesaid Sub-Committee may also prepare a comprehensive Management Plan for the conservation and development of Sambhar Lake giving details of the quantum of works, site-specific locations, financial implications, schedule of works, responsibilities of various agencies/departments, etc. (Action: Environment Department).
11. A nodal officer may be appointed by District Collectors in Ajmer/Nagaur/Jaipur district for regular monitoring of the status of birds. Similarly, Forest, Environment, RSPCB, Animal Husbandry, Industries,

- Revenue, PR Departments may also appoint a nodal officer each and inform the Environment Department. (Action: All Departments)
12. Member Secretary, State Wetland Authority, Member Secretary RSPCB, and District Collector Jaipur may appear before the NGT on 17.03.2020 with all relevant record as directed vide order at 21.01.2020 in OA 1020/2019 (MS SWA, MS RSPCCB & DC Jaipur)
13. Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.


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Copy to the following for information & necessary action-

1. Sr. D.S. to Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan.
2. P.S. to Additional Chief Secretary, Industry Department
3. P.S. to Principal Secretary, Forest & Environment
4. P.S. to Secretary Animal Husbandry Department
5. P.S. to Secretary, Environment Department
6. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HOFF)
7. Chief Wildlife Warden, Rajasthan
8. Salt Commissioner, Jaipur
9. District Collector, Jaipur
10. District Collector, Ajmer
11. District Collector, Nagaur
12. CMD, Sambhar Salts Limited
13. MS RSPCB, Jaipur
14. Vice Chancellor, RAJUVAS, Bikaner
15. DCF, Jaipur
16. Deputy Registrar, Secretariat, Jaipur


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