

## MINUTES OF MEETING

- In matter of Tapi River pollution etc., Environment Interest Litigation (EIL) was filed by Nav Yuva Sangathan and others vide original application no. 50/2018 (WZ) at National Green Tribunal, Pune
- Third meeting was held at Surat Municipal Corporation on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 at 4.00 pm. wherein Nav Yuva Sangathan and others were invited to put forward their view point before the Committee.
- As per discussion with relevant authorities, following will be the representatives of the relevant authorities, and the following were present in the meeting. (1) Shri S.R. Mahakal, Superintending Engineer was represented by Shri S.T. Gamit, Executive Engineer, Surat Irrigation Circle (2) Shri N.H. Patel, Chief Engineer, GUDC was represented by Shri H.I. Solanki, Superintending Engineer, GWSSB (3) Collector Shri, Surat was represented by Smt K.R.Chuadhari, Chitnish to the collector, Surat, (4) City Engineer Shri SMC was represented by Shri Bhiarav B. Desai, Executive Engineer, SMC.

Sr. No.	Officer/Applicant Name	Department
1	S.T. Gamit, Executive Engineer, Surat Irrigation Circle	Narmada Water resources, Water Supply & Kalpser Department, Gujarat.
2	P.U. Dave, Regional officer GPCB, Surat	GPCB, Gujarat
3	H.I. Solanki, Superintending Engineer, GWSSB	Urban Development & Housing Department, Gujarat.
4	K.R.Chuadhari, Chitnish to the collector, Surat	Surat Collectorate
5	Bhairav .B. Desai, Executive Engineer, SMC.	Surat Municipal Corporation
6	Dr. Kishor Rupareliya	Nav Yuva Sangathan & Others
7	Ajay Patel	
8	Pravin Kapadiya	
9	Ajay Jangid	
10	Jignesh Sutariya	
11	Ketan Khunt	

### **The following points are discussed during the meeting**

- Executive Engineer requested members of Nav Yuva Sangathan and others to submit their view points.

### **Dr. Kishorbhai stated that,**

- He did not know that the committee was formed.
- The process done by the committee is not known
- The report of work done by the committee till date has not been received.

**Executive Engineer, Surat Municipal Corporation stated that,**

- The details of member of committee and Minutes of Meeting in line with Hon. NGT's Order dated 25/02/2019 have been available on the website [tapirevival.suratmunicipal.org](http://tapirevival.suratmunicipal.org)
- DPR for Pollution abatement and conservation of River Tapi approved by MoEF&CC.
- Under Pollution abatement and conservation of River Tapi Project, there will be 50 Nos. of Sewage Pumping Station and 37 Nos. of Sewage Treatment Plant to be constructed in between Kakarapar barrage to ONGC bridge, Surat.
- The project will be implemented by SMC for the area under jurisdiction of SMC and SUDA, whereas, for the area under jurisdiction of State Government, Gujarat Water Supply and Sewerage Board (GWSSB) will implement the Project.
- In addition, the proposal to allot land for total 18 Nos. locations to construct 25 Nos. of SPS and 17 Nos. of STP to be constructed in the area under jurisdiction of SUDA has been submitted by Surat Municipal Corporation to Collector shri, Surat.
- The Proposal to allot the land for Total 18 Nos. Location to construct 19 Nos. of SPS and 20 Nos. of STP to be constructed in the area under jurisdiction of State Government will be submitted by superintending engineer, GWSSB, to Collector shri, Surat.

**Dr. Kishorbhai stated that**

- private outlet discharged in creek between Kathor and Amboli and Gamtal area at River side shall be closed / prevented.
- The excreta of animals are disposed off into river Tapi by illegal cattle stables, settled near the river bank and illegal constructions are found at such locations.
- Effluent released into river Tapi by various temples, Smashangruh situated on the bank of river Tapi should be stopped.
- Even though, SMC has installed grills on the bridges, Citizens are throwing the wastes/flowers above the grills. In order to stop this, it is advised to put Kumbh/Kalash on both side of bridges and make the citizens aware to throw their waste (pujapo) into these Kumbh/Kalash.

**Ajay Patel stated that,**

- In the area under jurisdiction of SMC, the sewage water goes to river Tapi through storm lines and it should be stopped.
- The making of idols in POP shall be stopped by Collector, Surat. In case of immersion of POP idols, artificial ponds should be formed this year by SMC as done last year.
- Illegal constructions shall be removed falling under red line and blue line.



- For cleaning of river Tapi, the machineries enters into the river by breaking the embankment. After the completion of work, the broken embankment should be properly repaired in order to avoid the flood water to enter into the city from that stretch of embankment.
- All outlets are not included in the DPR prepared by SMC.
- All outlets shall be identified and closed.

**Ajay Jangid stated that,**

- Illegal sand mining shall be brought under control. All illegal activities into the river Tapi be stopped. Many islands/Chatta made by different peoples should be removed.
- As per order of Supreme court, the dredging can be done upto 3.0m only in river.
- The case should be filed against illegally discharging sewerages in to river Tapi by any property owner under damage to public property act.
- The feedbacks from citizens should also be taken.
- SMC to prevent immersion of POP idols into the river Tapi by making artificial ponds. He appreciated efforts made by SMC.
- In Surat district, many builders and land grabbers illegally encroached the river area and started construction.
- Rain water harvesting system shall be built.

**Jayesh Sutariya stated that,**

- Videography to be made for the area under redline and blueline and illegal construction shall be stopped.
- The directions given by Hon. NGT shall be followed immediately.
- Steps taken shall be informed to citizens and citizens shall be informed to take part into various programmes regarding cleaning of river Tapi.
- Citizens shall be informed the works being implemented for Tapi Shudhdhikaran projects.
- Due to the illegal constructions, population increases in that area shall lead to also increased the quantum of sewerage, so these kinds of illegal activities shall be stopped.
- Open defecation is still seen on river bed. In order to prevent this, toilets shall be construction along the river bed.

**Pravin Kakadiya stated that,**

- T.P. schemes are not implemented on time. Due to this, utility planning can not be done properly.
- River front to be developed on the both bank of river Tapi.

**Executive Engineer, Surat Municipal Corporation stated that,**

- Tenders are received for intercept and diversion of outlets for the area under the jurisdiction of SMC.
- Almost 135 MLD of untreated sewage of Valak creek, Varachha creek & Gadhpur creek has already been diverted.
- Tenders for Valak STP and Varachha STS are under approval and after getting the land, the work will be started immediately.
- Major outlets has been already considered under Pollution abatement & conservation of river Tapi project.
- DPR of Rs. 971.25 Cr. has been sanctioned by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GoI on 05/03/2019. As per this DPR, total 50 Nos. of SPSs and 37 Nos. of STPs shall be constructed.
- Dredging /desilting work will be initiated by State government.

Meeting was ended with vote of thanks.

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City Engineer  
Surat Municipal Corporation

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