

Minutes of the Five Member Joint Committee Meeting headed by the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department held on 02.06.2023 at 3.00 pm to review the progress of disposal of Legacy Waste, pending works and action plan to be executed as per the directions of National Green Tribunal in its Order dated 27.07.2022 in O.A.No.37 of 2012 for illegal dumping of garbage at Periya Eri lake in Tambaram.

List of Participants:

S. No.	Name and Designation
1.	Thiru.Anurag Mishra, I.F.S., Special Secretary (Environment and Climate Change), Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department, Secretariat, Chennai - 9.
2.	Thiru.P.Ponniah, I.A.S., Director of Municipal Administration, Chennai -28.
3.	Tmt.R.Alagumeena, I.A.S., Commissioner, Tambaram Corporation, Chennai.
4.	Thiru.M.Panneer Selvam, Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai.
5.	Thiru.K.Udaya Kumar, District Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chengalpattu.
6.	Thiru.S.Jacob Rajan Babu, Senior Law Officer, Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai -3.
7.	Thiru.K.Sridharan, Joint Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Secretariat, Chennai - 9.
8	Thiru.R.Murali, Under Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Secretariat, Chennai - 9.

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9.	Tmt.R.Betly Gnana Latha, Assistant Executive Engineer, Tambaram Corporation, Chennai.
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At the outset, the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department welcomed the members of the Joint Committee and reviewed the actions points of the previous meeting held on 25.08.2022.

2. The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal while disposing the case O.A No.37/2012 on 27.07.2022 has given the following directions :

- a. Disposal of Solid waste in the catchment of the Lake affects the natural character of the water body.
- b. The transportation from Ganapathipuram to Appur dumpsite is crucial in the management link.
- c. Disposal of waste at Appur dumpsite and its impact on the Pallavaram Periya Eri water body needs monitoring.
- d. It is to be ensured that no sewage effluents are entered into the water body.
- e. Remaining Legacy waste has to be bio-mined and recovered material properly utilised.
- f. The progress may be reviewed at least once in a month and to meet within one month to take stock on the pending work and prepare an updated action plan to be executed within the outer limit of six months.

3. The first meeting of the Five Member Joint Committee headed by the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department was held on 25.08.2022. Minutes of the meeting has been forwarded to the members of the Committee for taking appropriate action.

4. The Commissioner, Tambaram City Municipal Corporation made a presentation regarding illegal dumping of solid waste into the Pallavaram Eri and activities carried out by the Corporation and explained the follow up actions taken by the Tambaram Corporation to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government as follows:

- a. Solid waste disposal at the lake has been stopped completely.
- b. Around 1,25,000 MT of Solid waste accumulated over 40 years, available at the lake had been transported to Appur and the inert waste after Biomining process has been disposed off safely.

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- c. For processing of the remaining legacy waste available below ground level measuring about 60,000 MT, a proposal has been submitted to the Government for approval.

5. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government has given following directions to the Commissioner, Tambaram Corporation:-

- a. To take up massive tree plantation activities along all sides of the lake, immediately from 03 June 2023 onwards.
- b. Whenever large number of trees are planted at a particular location, maintenance of trees so planted including drip irrigation may be included in the scope of the contractor as done by the Greater Chennai Corporation.
- c. The Palmyra tree seedlings may be planted along the tank bunds and to protect the eco-friendly native species trees /shrubs. Existing native plants / shrubs shall not be disturbed.
- d. To involve NGOs/Resident welfare associations in the above process.
- e. An old damaged transfer station at the Ganapathipuram site must be demolished by the Corporation immediately and the old vehicles, which have been auctioned, must be removed from the site immediately.
- f. To follow up the pending proposals for Bio-mining of the remaining legacy waste.
- g. After removing the remaining legacy waste, the lake may be uniformly desilted and the excess earth can be used for strengthening the bund and forming an island in the lake.
- h. The Corporation must ensure that no sewage/sullage water is discharged in the lake from any of the houses or shops.
- i. The Periya Eri lake must be developed as an Eco-space for which the Tambaram Corporation has to submit a proposal to the Director of Municipal Administration under Kalaignar Nagarpuram Membattu Thittam or Kfw.

6. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government has instructed the District Collector, Chengalpattu to start tree plantation activities immediately and it should be ensured that trees are planted on all side of the lake.

7. The Additional Chief Secretary has informed that a Single Committee has been constituted vide G.O (2D) No.46, Municipal Administration and Water Supply (MA.4) Department, dated 11.11.2022 issued for the purpose of monitoring and implementation of Solid Waste Management Rules 2016 and other waste management in the State

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and to provide necessary assistance, both technical and financial to the urban local bodies and other environmental issues including encroachment of water bodies without any hindrance. Therefore, Additional Chief Secretary to Government has instructed that hereafter, all the National Green Tribunal related issues should be reviewed by the said Single Committee.

Therefore, concerned sections of the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department are instructed to take necessary follow up action to convene the above mentioned Single Committee to review various directions of the National Green Tribunal in various O.As, within the time frame stipulated by the National Green Tribunal.

The meeting ended with the Additional Chief Secretary to Government thanking all the Members of the Joint Committee.

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