

Tenth Quarterly Report submitted by the State of Sikkim in compliance with Order dated 12.09.2019 passed in O.A. No. 606/2018 in the matter of Municipal Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.

The present report i.e., the 10th quarterly report now being submitted relates to the progress made in the above said matter between the periods of **July 2021-September 2021.**

- 1) District Environment Plan for all four districts (East, West, North, and South) as per the indicative template provided by the CPCB has been prepared and submitted to higher authority for obtaining approval.
- 2) Inspection of Healthcare facilities was conducted by SPCB-Sikkim during July 2021.
- 3) Status of implementation of action plan submitted in compliance to Hon'ble NGT order in OA No. 673/2018. Delisting of four river stretches i.e. Maneykhola stretch, Ranichu stretch, Rangit stretch and Teesta river stretch from the list of 351 identified polluted river stretches have been requested on the basis of submission.
- 4) Regular co-ordination meeting with Central Monitoring Committee under Ministry of Jal Shakti with regard to progress made in solid and liquid waste management in the State.
- 5) As per the direction of Chairman, CPCB under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for assessment of phasing out SUP vide letter F.No. B.17011/UPC-II-PWM (SUP)/2021/4212 dated 29th July 2021, SPCB-Sikkim conducted series of meetings regarding the assessment of phasing out SUP and a committee has been constituted vide O.O. F. No. 352/SPCB/3116 to 3126 dated 27/08/2021 having representation from Forest and Environment Department, Urban Development Department, Rural Development Department, four Non-Governmental Organisations and SPCB-Sikkim. This committee shall steer preparation of operational manual, questionnaire, training of surveyors, collection of data etc. under the guidance /direction of Member Secretary and Chairman, SPCB-Sikkim.
- 6) The said committee after thorough deliberations has come up with the

operational manual for waste audit and questionnaire for surveys. The locations for surveys have been decided based on sampling size and sampling categories determined by the steering committee. In addition to the market and field survey, household survey is also being undertaken to cross-check the results of the other two surveys. The committee also visited Martam landfill sit on 18th August 2021.

- 7) Training for market and field surveys for Single Use Plastic usage/availability to Swacha Prerak under Rural Development Department and other volunteers was organized by State Pollution Control Board Sikkim in coordination with Regional Directorate, CPCB, Shillong and NGOs on 24th September 2021 at Martam Water garden East Sikkim.
- 8) Sensitization programme on waste management for newly appointed Hon'ble Councillors of Urban Local Bodies from North and East Sikkim was organized by State Pollution Control Board Sikkim in coordination with Regional Directorate, CPCB, Shillong at Gangtok Municipal Corporation conference hall on 28th September 2021. The discussions were held on waste hierarchy, waste management challenges, waste regulation, technologies for waste management, best practices being adopted in North Eastern States.
- 9) Request for proposal document was approved by the 13th Board meeting of State Pollution Control Board Sikkim.
- 10) 14th Board meeting of State Pollution Control Board Sikkim held on 14th September 2021 decided that for effective implementation of guidelines for phasing out SUPs, involvement of Self Help Groups is necessary and reward system may be instituted for best practices on GPU level for encouragement purposes. It was also decided to organise awareness campaign in mission mode through various methods such as radio/FM jingles, production of short films (1 and 5 minutes); publication of pamphlets on SUP and its management; power point presentation to young audiences; jhora cleaning; preparation/production of animated short films on SUP and through other IEC modes. It was decided that the SHGs will be utilized to distribute the pamphlets on door-to-door basis as they were found effective for similar IEC work by Horticulture Department.
- 11) The National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology, Gangtok in co-

ordination with SPCB has conducted capacity building for various stakeholders and training for dismantling e-waste for unemployed youths of the state under the Implementation of MeitY, Government of India funded project: Capacity building and entrepreneurship development programme on e-waste management for NE states.

- 12) Annual Report on Hazardous waste and Ewaste for the year 2020-21 has been submitted to Central Pollution Control Board and also uploaded in E-Sanyojan.
- 13) The State Government has sanctioned creation of ten scientific and technical posts under SPCB-Sikkim. The recruitment to these posts shall be made through Sikkim Public Service Commission.