

Ninth 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 9th quarterly report now being submitted relates to the progress made in the above said matter between the periods of **April 2021-June 2021.**

- 1) Annual Report on Solid waste, Construction & Demolition waste, Plastic Waste, and Bio-medical waste for the year 2020-21 has been submitted to Central Pollution Control Board and also uploaded in E-Sanyojan.
- 2) The advisory issued by the State Pollution Control Board-Sikkim for installation of technology/infrastructure for volume reduction of accumulated waste in landfill site was approved in principle by the State Government and presently Urban Development Department is exploring the prospect of suitable technology for hilly terrain.
- 3) State Pollution Control Board Sikkim distributed dedicated bins to collect domestic hazardous waste for the proper segregation of domestic hazardous waste to Gangtok Municipal Corporation and Rural Development Department.
- 4) SPCB-Sikkim has prepared a research proposal titled “ Assessment of pollution load of streams running through some of the urban areas on the left bank of watershed area of Maneykhola and Ranichu and source apportionment of the same” with the objectives to obtain a database of pollution and thereby provide basis for focused water pollution abatement Action Plan for concerned Departments. This research shall be headed by two Expert members of the Board in collaboration with the Central University, Sikkim and same has been initiated.
- 5) SPCB-Sikkim proposes to install continuous online real time river water quality monitoring analyzer for monitoring water quality at critical locations in Teesta River.
- 6) Meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Government of Sikkim regarding direction of Hon’ble NGT in OA No. 95/2018 regarding filling up of vacant posts by competent persons and it was decided to put up proposal to the State Government for creating ten number of scientific and technical posts.
- 7) Pictorial guide on covid related biomedical waste management prepared by CPCB was translated in vernacular language and distributed to the Health Department. Pictorial guide was also uploaded in SPCB Sikkim website.
- 8) An interactive meeting was held with representatives of Non-Government Organisations like WWF-Sikkim, ECOSS to discuss about phasing out of Single Use Plastic.