

**Divisional Railway Manager's Office,
Northern Railway, Firozpur**

No: MC/35000/NGT/KTHU/24

Date: 25.10.2024

**Registrar General,
Hon 'ble National Green Tribunal,
Faridkot House, Copernicus Marg,
Near India Gate, New Delhi-110001**

**Sub: Action taken report for orders of Hon'ble NGT, Principal Bench, New Delhi in OA
no. 575 of 2023 titled Ashok Sharma Vs. UT of Jammu & Kashmir**

In reference to above, it is apprised that Hon'ble National Green Tribunal vide orders subjected above has formed a Joint Committee for joint survey of Kathua Railway station. In compliance to the orders, Joint Committee has submitted its report to worthy GM/NR. Accordingly, GM/NR has approved the action plan on the report of Joint committee.

Observations of Joint Committee and action plan approved by GM/NR is as under:

S. No.	Observation made by Committee	Action plan	Remarks/ Status
1.	Consent to Operate (CTO) has not been taken from State Pollution Control Committee (SPCC) for both Kathua Railway Station and Kathua Railway Siding/ Goods shed.	Division has processed for CTO of Goods shed and is under process with JKPCB. The CTO fee has been duly paid and the issuance process is underway but currently pending with the JKPCB since reply on the issue given by FZR Division on 03.09.2024.	Since the works mentioned for development of Goods shed Kathua has TDC of 31.12.2024, efforts are being made to obtain provisional CTO till then.
2.	The approach Roads were observed partially paved, leading to generation of dust during trucks' movement. As per guidelines of the Committee constituted by Railway Board, "the sidings should have paved approach roads with adequate traffic carrying capacity. The existing haul roads which are in bad condition should be repaired and maintained. The roads should have proper camber to avoid the water logging on the roads".	One work for improvement/ repair of approach road 40 X 7.5 mts. has already been completed under sanctioned work for F.Y. 2022-23. Further work of approach road of Rs. 14.62 Crs under PH-53 in F.Y. 2023-24 for development/ upgradation of Goods shed at KTHU has been sanctioned and improvement/ repair to approach road is in the scope of sanctioned work. Work of same is under progress at the site.	TDC for the work: - 31.12.2024. Tender was opened on 13.05.24 and tender was awarded on 03.07.2024. Work of upgradation of Goods shed has been started and 18% of the total work has been completed. Division shall make every effort to adhere with the timelines given.
3.	Water Sprinkling system through mechanized system or tankers has not been	Water sprinklers at site are not feasible as the cement will get solidified if it comes in contact	Water tankers will be used on need basis. Also, an imprest of Rs. 10,000/- per

	provided to control dust from unpaved approach roads.	with water. However, after the construction of covered shed, paved platform/ road and dust partition/ barrier of adequate height separating the goods shed from the rest of the station, there will be substantial decrease in the PM10 value. However, if the need arises, the provision of water tankers can be explored by the division on need basis.	month has been given to CGS/KTHU for upkeeping of Goods shed, which will be utilized for above said purpose under regular monitoring.
4.	Green belt cover has not been provided on all sides of loading/ unloading site to mitigate pollution. However, it was observed that green belt has been provided only one side i.e. residential area. As per the guidelines of the Committee constituted by Railway Board, the loading/ unloading points should be provided with thick rows of plantation having tall growing trees along the periphery, inside and outside of the premises and along the road.	There is very less Railway land on the goods shed side adjacent to open fields. However, plantation would be done as far as feasible to create the green belt. Committee at station level to explore the feasibility for plantation has been formed.	Joint survey for feasibility has been conducted by the nominated committee at station level. Accordingly, area of 1460 Sqms has been identified for development as green belt. Plantation in the identified area will be done by 30.11.2024
5.	Dust screen walls along periphery of the premises with adequate height have not been provided.	Goods shed is separated From PF no. 2 by a brick wall of height approximately 6 ft high. However, the height of the separation wall be increased to 20 feet by appropriate means to prevent any potential impact of dust emissions on platform no. 2.	A work for upgradation of Goods shed facilities at Kathua Goods shed has been sanctioned for Rs. 14.62 Crores. Provision of dust screen wall/ dust partition barrier has been included in the scope of sanctioned work and is planned to be executed against the ongoing work at site.
6.	Covered shed work was under progress during the site visit of the committee.	Covered shed which was under construction during the site inspection has now been completed and the new work have the provision of 400 meter long covered shed.	Division will make every effort to adhere with the timeline given for completion of work.
7.	Issues related to shifting of Goods shed Kathua to Chhan Arorian.	Provision of new Goods shed at Chhan Arorian station comprises of one new goods	The work for new Goods shed at Chhan Arorian will be expedited in

		<p>handling line alongwith Goods handling PF and covered shed.</p> <p>The work is being done by Construction Department and is under progress.</p> <p>In lieu of Chhan Arorian Goods shed, a New Private Freight Terminal i.e. ASGS has been developed at SMBX station approx. 40 Kms away from KTHU station. Part of cement consignment destined for KTHU has been shifted at ASGS Siding, thus lowering the overall handling at KTHU Goods shed.</p>	<p>coordination with Construction Department. Meanwhile traffic being handled at ASGS/SMBX as alternate terminal shall be promoted further to reduce handling at Kathua Goods Shed.</p>
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Submitted for kind information of Hon' ble National Green Tribunal, New Delhi.

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