

Compliance report of State of Sikkim w.r.t. Notice in Execution Application No. 35/2023 in Original Application No. 673/2018 (M.A. No. 92/2023).

1. The State of Sikkim has been regularly submitting monthly progress report to MoJS reflecting on incremental progress made in sewage and waste management.
2. The results of river water analysis being conducted regularly under National Water Monitoring Program (NWMP) at the downstream of existing STPs are in compliance with the primary water quality criteria for bathing water notified by MoEF&CC under Environment Protection Rules, 1986. This monthly analysis report under NWMP is being regularly uploaded in CPCB's EWQDES portal.
3. Action Taken Report for delisting of the four polluted river stretches in the state of Sikkim has been submitted on 02/08/2021.
4. Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), the concern department for sewage management in the State has already installed Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring System (OCEMS) in five STPs and at present data linkage to SPCB server is under process. Three new STPs have been sanctioned for construction at Geyzing, Chungthang and Mangan.
5. Sewage management in rural and peri urban areas are under the supervision of Rural Management Department and the sewage treatment facilities are being upgraded on need basis under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen).
6. Project proposals for sewage management in the State have been submitted to the concerned authorities as per the previous directions of the Tribunal. The above status were submitted to the Hon'ble NGT during submission of six monthly verifiable progress report in compliance to the direction in O.A. No. 606 of 2018.
7. Presently, PHED has submitted that the flash flood of 3rd/ 4th October 2023 has damaged the STPs at Singtam (0.66MLD); Rangpo (1.40 MLD); Melli (0.50 MLD) and ongoing work of sewerage network of newly sanctioned STP at Chungthang. The flashflood has rendered the houses in the lower belts in Singtam, Rangpo, Melli and Chungthang uninhabitable and the sewage generation at present is minimal. The households with existing septic tanks prior to sewerage network connections which were not damaged during the flashflood are currently being utilized to channelize the sewage. Arrangements for Decentralized Waste Water Treatment System is being carried out by PHED. Out of five OCEMS installed, one at Singtam STP has been washed away during the flashflood.

The said flashflood has been declared as 'Disaster' in the State. Subsequently, Relief Commissioner cum Secretary, Land Revenue and Disaster Management, Government of Sikkim has been apprised of the present status on sewage management for allocation under NDRF/Calamity fund 2023-24.