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BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL,
WESTERN ZONE BENCH, PUNE
ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO.154 OF 2024 (WZ) & 91 of 2024 (WZ)

Krunnal Narayan Gharre

... Applicant

Versus

Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation & Ors.

... Respondents

Report on behalf of the River Rejuvenation Committee.

I am Respondent No. 4 MPCB (Member & Convener of RRC) filing this report on behalf of the River Rejuvenation Committee in compliance of the Order dated 24/06/2025 passed by Hon'ble NGT.


(Dr. Avinash Dhakne)
Member Secretary M.P.C.Board
Member & Convener of RRC

Report of RRC in compliance with the Hon'ble NGT order dtd 24/06/2025

Report regarding in compliance of Hon'ble NGT order dtd 24/06/2025 in O.A
No. 91/2024 (WZ) &154/2024 (WZ)

As per Hon'ble NGT order dtd.24.06.2025 River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) has to submit interim measures to mitigate pollution in Pawana river. Meeting of RRC was held on 14/07/2025. During the meeting it was decided to call the report Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) and Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA) regarding interim measures to be taken.

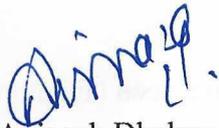
Accordingly, PMRDA has submitted interim measures as below :

Sr. no.	Short term measures	Time period
1	Information education and communication	Continuous
2	15 number of Mobile STP	March 2026
3	Floating Solar areator on Pawana River	March 2026
4	Removal of Hyacinth	March 2026
5	Laser cutting Barrier will be installed on the bank of Pawana River at necessary places (to avoid throwing of solid waste into river)	June 2026

Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) has submitted Interim measures as below:

- Mechanical Screens along Nallas:** PCMC has installed mechanical and manual screening units at 16 major nallas to prevent the entry of solid waste into the river, thereby reducing the solid pollution load on the water body.
- Interceptor and diversion:** A total of 32 km of interceptor lines have been laid along the banks of the Pawana River. Several outfalls have been tapped and diverted to existing SPS's/ STPs, significantly reducing the direct discharge of untreated sewage into the river.
- Increase in SPS Capacity:** New SPS units have been constructed at Dapodi, Pimple Gurav, Kalewadi, and Chinchwad Bhatnagar. These installations now facilitate pumping of sewage to the existing Bhatnagar STP, which is currently under capacity augmentation.
- Augmentation in STP Capacity:** The treatment capacity of the existing Bhatnagar STP has been increased from 30 MLD to 45 MLD. The plant is currently in trial operation and will become fully operational within the next 15 days.

5. **Removal of hyacinth in River:** PCMC has issued a three-year contract for the continuous removal of water hyacinth from the river. The work is being carried out on a regular basis to maintain flow and improve river ecology.
6. **Express Feeders for SPS:** In a phased manner, express feeder connections have been provided to 26 SPSs and 16 STPs to ensure 24x7 operations. This measure ensures that all treatment facilities remain continuously functional, thereby preventing untreated discharges into the river.
7. **Upgradation of old STP's under "Jal Hi AMRUT Scheme":** Nine existing STPs located along the Pawana River are scheduled for upgradation to meet current MPCB/NGT discharge norms. Of these, two STPs are over 20 years old and seven are over 12 years old, and not designed for compliance with the latest effluent quality standards. PCMC is in the process of floating tenders for their upgradation.
8. **Holistic plan for sewerage collection, transmission & treatment.** PCMC has prepared a comprehensive Master Plan and Detailed Project Report (DPR) for integrated sewerage collection, transmission, and treatment works, with an estimated project cost of ₹1980 Crores. This includes major components such as the re-alignment of existing sewers currently laid along rivers/nallas to more accessible and sustainable routes along roads. This plan has been submitted to the State and Central Governments for financial assistance. Additionally, PCMC has allocated funds in its departmental budget for phased implementation.



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