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Place: Shimla, H.P.

Dated:..16:05.2026

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**Chief Secretary
To the Government of
Himachal Pradesh**

Chief Secretary,
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STATUS REPORT OF SEWERAGE NETWORK TO CATER THE STPs IN HIMACHAL PRADESH BY WAY OF AFFIDAVIT IN COMPLAINE TO THE ORDER DATED 12.02.2026 PASSED BY THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL.

May it please your Lordships:

I, Sanjay Gupta , S/O Sh. Late Sh.Vidya Sagar Gupta, aged about 59 years, presently posted as Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under: -

1. That the above mentioned Original Application was listed before this Hon'ble National Green Tribunal on 12.02.2026, when this Hon'ble Tribunal has passed the following orders:

"The Jal Shakti Vibhag is also directed to file affidavit before the next date of hearing disclosing the progress in the construction of the remaining sewage network."

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Executive Magistrate
H.P. Sectt., Shimla

2. That it is respectfully submitted that in the previous Affidavit filed on 12.02.2026, submitted that out of the **15 Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs)** referred to in the report of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), **3 STPs** are being managed by the Shimla Jal Prabandhan Nigam Limited (SJPNL), **9 STPs** are being managed by the Jal Shakti Vibhag (JSV), **2 STPs** are being managed by the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), and **1**

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Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CEPT) is being managed by Baddi Infrastructure Limited, a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of the BBN Industries Association.

3. That it is respectfully submitted that in the **previous Affidavit filed on 12.02.2026**, as per the status report submitted by the Shimla Jal Prabhandhan Nigam Ltd.(SJPNL), **50.8 Kms.** of sewer network is projected for the year 2039.

At present **in SJPNL**, there is no shortfall in network connection w.r.t. STP Lal Pani, STP Malyana, STP Dhalli respectively. Hence, the remaining sewer work of aforesaid 3 STPs of SJPNL is projected to be completed by 2039. At present in SJPNL, 2 Kms. Of sewer network is laid in STP Lalpani

In so far as **JSV**, of 45.61 Kms. sewer network of Jal Shakti Vibhag (JSV), **14.70 Kms**, sewer network has now been connected with three STPs i.e. STP Sundernagar, STP Mandi (Raghunath ka Padhar) and STP Khaliar.

Therefore, 30.91 Kms, sewer network is now yet to be connected with 6 STPs of Jal Shakti Vibhag due to the various reason such as permission from the Indian railways and NH, HPPWD, availability of land and DI pipes and availability of funds.

4. That it is humbly submitted that as per the status report submitted by the **Shimla Jal Prabhandhan Nigam Ltd.(SJPNL)**, 50.8 Kms. of sewer network is projected for the year 2039. **At present** in SJPNL, 2 Kms. Of sewer network is laid in STP Lalpani and there is no shortfall in network connection w.r.t. STP Lal Pani, STP Malyana, STP Dhalli respectively. Hence, the remaining sewer work of aforesaid 3 STPs of SJPNL is projected to be completed by 2039.

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5. That it is respectfully submitted that out of 30.91 Kms. remaining sewer network of Jal Shakti Vibhag (JSV), 5.25 Kms, **sewer network has now been connected** with 1 STPs i.e. STP Sundernagar. Therefore, **25.66 Kms, sewer network is now yet to be connected with 6 STPs of Jal Shakti Vibhag.**

6. That the timelines for remaining sewer network of these 6 STP is **25.66 Kms.**, yet to be connected of Jal Shakti Vibhag submitted by Chief Engineer Shimla Zone, Mandi Zone and Hamirpur Zone and **status of 48.8 Kms**, sewer network to be connected with 3 STPs of SJPNL by 2039 are enclosed as **Annexure R(I)** for the kind perusal of this Hon'ble Tribunal please.

7. In view of the aforesaid submissions, it is respectfully submitted that State of Himachal Pradesh has complied with the orders dated 12.02.2026 passed in O.A. No. 735 of 2023. It is, therefore, humbly prayed that the present affidavit in compliance to the order dated 12.02.2026 may kindly be taken on record.

ATTESTED

[Signature]
Executive Magistrate
H.P. Sectt., Shimla

26/5/2026

Declared before me on 16th day of May
2026 on oath (Solemnly Affixation)
by Shri Sangeeta Gupta Chief Secy to the Govt of H.P.
who is personally known to the or who
has been identified by Sh VINOD NEGI (E.S.JSV)
who is personally known to me. **Verification**

[Signature]
Deponent

Chief Secretary,
Govt. of Himachal Pradesh

I, the above-named deponent does hereby verify that the contents as contained in paras 1 to 7 of this affidavit of mine are true and correct as derived from the official record. No part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed therein

[Signature]
Executive Magistrate
H.P. Sectt., Shimla

Verified at Shimla this 16th day of May, 2026

[Signature]
Deponent

Chief Secretary,
Govt. of Himachal Pradesh

SJPNL

Status of Sewerage Network for Operational STP

| S.No. | Name of STP | Capacity Details | | Network to be connected (in km) | | | Sewer network laid/connected subsequent to last date of hearing (as on 20.04.2026) | | The action plan for connecting left out i.e. non-connected sewer network to the STP |
|--------------|-------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| | | Installed Capacity (MLD) | Capacity Utilization of STPs as on Aug 2025 (MLD) | Total network (in km) | Network Connected to STP (in km) | Network non-connected to STP (in km) | in (km) | Network non-connected to STP as on 20.04.2026 (in km)[4(c)-5(a)] | |
| | | | | | As on last date of hearing 12.02.2026 | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3(a) | 3(b) | 4(a) | 4(b) | 4(c) | 5(a) | 5(b) | 6 |
| 1 | STP Lalpani | 25.2 | 13 | 236 | 220 | 16 | 2 | 14 | The designed capacity of the STP Lalpani is for the year 2039. Presently, there is no shortfall in network connection the balance connection to be connected with STP is projected for the year 2039. |
| 2 | STP Malyana | 8.42 | 3.9 | 61 | 39 | 22 | 0 | 22 | The designed capacity of the STP Malyana is for the year 2039. Presently, there is no shortfall in network connection the balance connection to be connected with STP is projected for the year 2039. |
| 3 | STP Dhalli | 2.26 | 1.2 | 29.8 | 17 | 12.8 | 0 | 12.8 | The designed capacity of the STP Dhalli is for the year 2039. Presently, there is no shortfall in network connection the balance connection to be connected with STP is projected for the year 2039. |
| Total | | 35.88 | 18.1 | 326.8 | 276 | 50.8 | 2 | 48.8 | |


 Additional General Manager
 Sewerage Division SJPNL
 US Club Shimla-171001

| Status of sewerage network for operational STPs in Shimla Zone (NGT OA 735) | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| Sr. No. | Name of STP | Capacity details | | Network laid (In km) | | | Sewer network laid / connected after last date of hearing In Km (As on 20.04.2016) | The Action plan for connecting left-out i.e non-connected sewer network to the STP |
| | | Installed Capacity (MLD) | Capacity Utilisation (MLD) | Total Network (in Km) | Network Connected to STP (in Km) | Network Non-Connected to STP (in Km) | | |
| 1 | Jubbal (Below 22 KV Sub-Station HPSEB Jubbal Ghangladhar, Kanhol) | 0.651 | 0.35 | 8.85 | 6.85 | 2 | Out of the remaining 2.0 km sewer network, no sewer network has been laid so far, as the procurement of DI pipes is presently under process. | The work related to the left out sewer network of 2.0 km has been awarded to the contractor under SBM (I&D) programme, and the procurement of DI pipes is presently under process. The work is expected to be completed by 31-December 2026, subject to the condition that the consumers are willing to avail sewerage connections and that dispute free land is made available for laying of DI pipes. |
| 2 | Parwanoo | 1 | 0.3 | 21.93 | 16.58 | 1.75 | Out of the initially unlaid 3.60 km sewer network, 0.30 km has now been completed, leaving a balance of 3.30 km yet to be laid. Further, out of the 1.75 km network that was already laid but not connected, the same is still not connected to the STP due to pending permissions from Indian railways and NH HPPWD. | <p>1. The total proposed sewer network length is 21.932 km, out of which 18.632 km has been laid to date. Out of the laid network, 16.58 km has been connected to the STP, and the balance 1.75 km is yet to be connected.</p> <p>2. The connectivity of the remaining 1.75 km sewer network to the STP could not be completed as the proposed alignment passes through highway and railway crossings. Online permission from Indian Railways has already been requested on 22/12/2025 after a joint inspection with railway officials. Similarly, permission from NH HPPWD is under process, and the requisite charges have already been deposited.</p> <p>3. After obtaining the necessary permissions, the already laid 1.75 km pipeline is likely to be connected to the STP by 31-08-2026. Further, the laying of the remaining sewer network of 3.30 km is in progress and is also expected to be completed by 31-08-2026.</p> |
| Total (Shimla Zone) | | 1.651 | 0.65 | 30.78 | 23.43 | 3.75 | 0.3 | |

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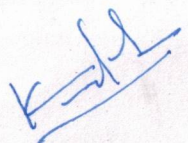
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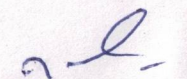
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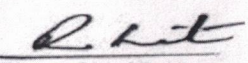
| S.No | Name of STP | Capacity utilisation of STP | Capacity utilisation of STP | Network in km | | Sewer network laid/connected subsequent to last date of hearing 20.4.26 | | Action plan for connecting left out sewer network to the STP. | |
|------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|---|
| | | | | Network Proposed as per DPR (km) | Network status as on 12.2.2026 | | Network status as on 24.04.2026 | | |
| | | | | | Network Connected to STP (in KM) | Network non Connected to STP (in KM) | Network Connected to STP (in KM) | | Network non Connected to STP (in KM) |
| 1 | Sarkaghat Paplog Zone B | 0.70 | 0.32 | 13.11 | 6 | 7.11 | 6 | 7.11 | The tender for the supply and laying of 1200 Rmt HDPE pipe for the sewer network connectivity line was floated on 19.01.2026 and opened on 29.01.2026. The award of work is currently under process at the Divisional Office, However, the balance work to be completed tentatively by December 2026, Subject to availability of funds. |

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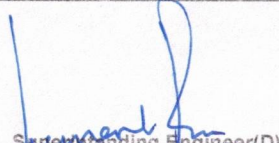

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JSV Zone Hamirpur

| S.No | Name of STP | Capacity utilisation of STP | Capacity utilisation of STP | Network in km | | | Network in km | | Action plan/ Remarks |
|------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| | | | | Network Proposed as per DPR (km) | Network status as on 12.2.2026 | | Network status as on 20.4.2026 | | |
| | | | | | Network Connected to STP (in KM) | Network non Connected to STP (in KM) | Network Connected to STP (in KM) | Network non Connected to STP (in KM) | |
| 1 | Mandi (Raghunath ka paddhar) | 3.83 | 3.5 | 61 | 53 | 8 | 53 | 8 | <p>The progress of network connection with STP was adversely affected due to unprecedented floods in river Beas during Monsoon 2025 where the four number wet wells were proposed to lift sewage were damaged. Out of these, one wet well has been rendered unsuitable at its existing location and requires relocation. Accordingly, the matter for provision of suitable land has been taken up with the Deputy Commissioner, Mandi, vide this office letter No. EE-JSV-MND DB-Gen./2025-13743-45 dated 01.12.2025. Subsequently, a joint inspection was conducted with the Revenue Department, wherein it was observed that no suitable Government land is available at the required location. Therefore, the case for land acquisition has been initiated and submitted to the SDM Sadar, District Mandi, vide this office letter No. 22707-11 dated 20.03.2026. 3 Nos wet wells need to be restored /retrofitted considering the post disaster effects of floods in river Beas. The restoration work of these three wet wells is currently in progress, with approximately 40% of the work completed. The tentative date of completion is December 2026.</p> <p>(Kindly refer to Annexure I for details)</p> |
| 2 | Mandi (Khaliar) | 0.47 | 0.46 | | | | | | |
| 3 | Sundernagar (STP Chandpur) | 4.50 | 3.27 | 109.31 | 97.26 | 12.05 | 102.51 | 6.80 | <p>Work under Progress tentative date of completion is December 2026</p> <p>(Kindly refer to Annexure II for details)</p> |


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Annexure-I

Status of Restoration works of Wet wells

| S.No. | Description | Current status of Work | Percentage of Work Completed | Remarks |
|-------|--|--|------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Improvement of Wetwell at Bhiuli | Work of jacketting of scoured portion of footing of RCC Protection around the wet well has been completed on 20-03-2026. | 100% | The restoration work of these three wet wells is currently in progress, with approximately 40% of the work completed. The tentative date of completion is December 2026. |
| | | The work of raising the existing wetwell has also started. It has been decided that the raising will be done by providing Zinacalume sheets, | 10% | |
| | | Errection of Pumping Machinary | 0% | |
| | | SOP, Load need to be revised as the No. of working pumps have been increased. Letter has been written to HPSEB, However the estimate is awaited from them. | 10% | |
| | | Sump well Connectivity | 100% | |
| 2 | Improvement of Wetwll at Sauli Khad | Construction of staircase up to roof level of pump house. | 40% | |
| | | Construction of wire crate around the wet well, | 100% | |
| | | Making access from rooftop to inside the pump house | 0% | |
| | | Errection of Pumping Machinary | 0% | |
| | | Work for closing door and window openings. | 0% | |
| 3 | Laying of rising main of 200 mm dia to connect the wetwell at Sauli Khad. | Laying of Rising Main 200mm dia From Wetwell to Paras Hotel 180 Rmt. (Out of which 90 Rmt has been laid) | 50% | |
| | | Laying of Rising Main 200 mm dia From NCC Office to Existing Pipe Line 40 Rmt. | 40% | |
| | | C/O one Manhole Chamber cum collection tank near NCC office | 0% | |
| 4 | C/O Anchor block to safeguard the rising main of 250mm dia from Vishwakarma wetwell to Dhiba Bawari. | 25 Pillars/Saddles to be constructed | 20% | |
| | | Errection of Pumping Machinary | 0% | |
| | | SOP Trnsformer installed connections remaining | 80% | |
| 5 | Acquiring of land for C/O wet well at Riverdale colony Sauli Khad. | Joint inspection along with the Revenue Department and MC Mandi was carried out on 09-03-2026. The landowner has agreed to provide the land. Mauka Tatima is awaited from the Patwari. After receiving the same, the case for acquisition of land will be submitted to the SDM Mandi vide EE office letter no. 22707-11 dated 20.03.2026.for further necessary action. | 0% | |



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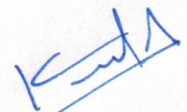

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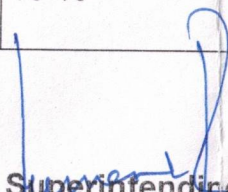
C/O RCC Wet Well No.1 of 30000 ltrs. cap. and Wet Well No. II of 40000 ltrs. cap. at Ropa

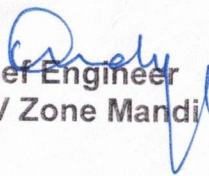
| S.No. | Description | Current status of Work | Percentage of Work Completed | Remarks |
|-------|---|---|------------------------------|--|
| 1 | C/O RCC Wet Well No.1 of 30000 ltrs. cap. | Work Completed | 100 % | The balance work to be completed tentatively by December 2026, Subject to availibility of funds. |
| 2 | C/O RCC Wet Well No.2 of 40000 ltrs. cap. | Work Completed | 100 % | |
| 3 | C/O Manhole Chambers | 227 No's to be costructed, out of which 170 No's has been completed | 75 % | |
| 4 | P&L HDPE pipes of 110mm dia PE80 PN-6 | Work of 950 Rmt pipe line is being carried out. | 5 % | |
| 5 | S&E of Pumping Machinery | Arranged | 40 % | |


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