MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVT., TS HELD ON 30-03-2016 AT SECRETARIAT TO REVIEW THE ACTIVITIES OF LAKE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

- The meeting is chaired by the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Telangana. The list of HODs and Officers attended is annexed.
- The Special Chief Secretary, MA & UD briefed on the constitution of Lake Protection Committee, Members and functions, etc.
- The Metropolitan Commissioner, HMDA and the Chairman, LPC welcomed all the members and briefed about the functions of the LPC.
- The M.C, HMDA informed that 14 meetings were held so far and explained the decisions taken in the earlier meetings and it is further informed that as per the court directions and based on the decisions taken in the LPC the identification, listing, survey of lakes in HMDA are taken up by HMDA and GHMC by engaging the consultants.
- The process of FTL demarcation and preparation of Maps, Verification and Certification in association with Irrigation & Revenue Dept., including the final notification was also briefed.
- The number of lakes that exist within ORR, Outside ORR, District wise, status of the survey work with details of certification by Irrigation & Revenue Department were informed. It is further informed that there are totally 2857 lakes identified so far in HMR area including GHMC and total number of lakes may vary and will be finalized after completion of the survey work.
- The Chief Secretary instructed all the members to share data available with them in finalization of the number of lakes, location, etc. to update the lakes list. He also advised the Irrigation Dept. to verify all the lakes in their jurisdiction including all the lakes taken over from Panchayat Raj Dept. It is also instructed to incorporate the FTL area of the Lakes on NRSA Maps within 6 months (Irrigation, HMDA, GHMC & Revenue). It is suggested that EPTRI may take up the verification and finalization of the total number of lakes existing in the HMR area.

Action: EPTRI

 The Chief Secretary instructed the HMDA to take necessary action for protection of water bodies situated in the HMR area as per the provision of HMDA Act.

Action: HMDA

• The Spl. Chief Secretary, MA & UD Dept. informed that a water body circle is created under the control of GHMC with deputation of Irrigation Engineers to protect the water bodies in GHMC area.

Action: GHMC

- It is brought to the notice of the members, there is difference in FTL area certified by the Irrigation Engineers and Revenue Dept. It is also informed that the FTL area certified by Revenue Dept. is more than the FTL area certified by Irrigation in most of the cases.
- The Collectors, Ranga Reddy Dist and Hyderabad Dist have informed that the survey numbers in Shikam area are taken as FTL area and after discussions it is decided that the FTL area notified shall be as per certification of Revenue Dept. or larger area of the FTL area certified by the Irrigation / Revenue Department, since the contours of the Lake are altered due to filling and excavation of the lakes.

Action: Collectors of HMR area

• The Collectors have informed that the part survey numbers are falling in FTL and the Chief Secretary instructed to go for sub-division of the survey numbers for the notification of FTL area.

Action: Collectors of HMR area

• The Chief Secretary also instructed the Collectors to take action for protection of all lakes including inflow and outflow channels.

Action: Collectors of HMR area

 It is informed by the members of the Committee that there are encroachments in FTL area and also encroachments are happening continuously and suggested for providing fencing all around the water body in Urban locations and FTL Pillars at remote places. It is also instructed to prepare the estimates for fencing of lakes and plan of action once final notifications are issued.

Action: HMDA & Irrigation Dept.

• It is brought to the notice of the Committee that the lakes in Madhapur area Medikunta (Guttala Begumpet) and Sunnam Cheruvu are being encroached and dumping of Building materials is going on. The Chief Secretary instructed the Commissioner, GHMC to take necessary action for restoration of the tank and also fix up the responsibility on the persons who have given building permission in these Kuntas and report compliance.

Action: GHMC

- The Chief Secretary has fixed up the following timeline for certification of FTL maps pending:
 - o Ranga Reddy District by 22nd April 2016
 - Medak the prioritized lakes as per the list furnished by HMDA to be completed within 1 month and the balance during the next 6 months
 - o Nalgonda 6 weeks
 - o Mahaboobnagar within 1 week

It is also requested to complete the certification of the balance lakes once it is received from HMDA.

Action: Collectors of HMR area & HMDA

• The Chief Secretary instructed the Collectors to review periodically with revenue and irrigation officials to sort out the inter departmental issues, to expedite the survey work, verification, certification and submit to HMDA for final notification so that the water bodies can be restored from any encroachment / pollution at the earliest. It is also decided that the Irrigation Officials at the field level have to coordinate with the Consultants for completing the survey work of the balance lakes expeditiously

Action: Collectors of HMR area & Irrigation Dept.,

• The Spl. Chief Secretary, MA & UD Dept. requested to identify the critical lakes and process the proposals for funding from GoI and also for 90 Lakes where DPRs are ready under National Lakes conservation programme Govt., of India may be informed that the HMDA constituted under a State Act., is designated on the authority to protect lakes through broad based Lake Protection Committee; to get funding under NLCP. The Director General, EPTRI is requested to take necessary action in this regard.

Action: DG, EPTRI

- The Collector R.R.District requested the Chief Secretary to issue necessary orders for designating suitable officers at the field level making responsible for protection and conservation of the lakes in their jurisdiction. The Chief Secretary desired that necessary orders may be issued from MA&UD Department delegating the powers to Collectors for designating the suitable officers accordingly.
- The Chief Secretary instructed the PCB authorities for submitting the proposals for construction of STP at Asani Kunta lake along with necessary funds requirement for taking of the construction of the said STP.

Action: M.S, TSPCB

• The Chief Secretary instructed the Spl. C.S, MA&UD to separately notify if necessary the HMDA as Lake Protection Authority in HMDA area so as to access funds from NRCD, GoI.

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