

**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of High Powered Committee of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) held under the Chairmanship of Sh. Sarvesh Kaushal, Chief Secretary, Punjab on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 at 9.00 a.m.**

The meeting was attended by the following officers.

1. Sh. N.S. Kalsi, Principal Secretary, Public Works (Building & Roads), Punjab
2. Sh. C. Roul, Principal Secretary, School Education, Punjab
3. Sh. Viswajeet Khanna, Principal Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Punjab
4. Sh. Ashok Kumar Gupta, Secretary, Department of Local Government Punjab
5. Sh. Jaspal Singh, Secretary Expenditure, Department of Finance
6. Sh. J.M. Balamurugan, Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Municipal Infrastructure Development Company (PMIDC)
7. Maj. Gen. V.K. Bhatt, Technical Advisor to Punjab Urban Development Mission
8. Sh. RohitKakkar, Nodal Officer of Swachh Bharat Mission (Representative of Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India)
9. Brig. (Retd.) R. S. Sahota, Project Director (SWM), PMIDC

At the outset, Chairman welcomed all the members of High Powered Committee for its first meeting. Chief Executive Officer, PMIDC briefed the members regarding the background of the progress of Swachh Bharat Mission and discussion was held as per the agenda points.

The following decisions were taken in the meeting.

1. Chief Executive Officer, PMIDC informed that out of the total allocation of Rs. 381 cr. for 5 years of mission period, Ministry of Urban Development has released the Government of India share of Rs. 41.4 cr. as 1<sup>st</sup> installment and State Finance Department has

issued sanctioned letter for Rs. 23 cr. on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2015, for Solid Waste Management component. On the advice of the Chairman, Secretary Expenditure informed that funds will be released immediately after presentation of bills in the Treasury.

2. **Construction of Household Toilets** – It was decided that the Government of India share (50% of Rs. 4000) and State Share (Rs. 1333 per household) be released as 1<sup>st</sup> installment to the 11711 households, whose applications have been received, after necessary verifications. For covering the rest of the 35505 beneficiaries out of the current year target of 47216 households, Chairman advised that the applications be received after extensive publicity and advertisement in Newspapers and other local media.
3. **Construction of Community Toilets**– It was decided that the current year target of 646 seats (Approximately 70 toilets) will be covered by engaging reputed organization (s) such as Sulabh Souchalaya for construction and maintenance of Community Toilets. It was decided that the process of identification of suitable locations for Community Toilets by the Corporations and engagement of executive agencies be completed before the next meeting of High Powered Committee, which is to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2015. The current year target of 70 toilets can be covered in the 10 corporation cities. It was also decided that the State share for construction of Community Toilets (Rs. 8000 per seat) can be contributed from State Labour Fund, since most of the beneficiaries belong to the category of construction labourers living in slum areas. After detailed deliberations, Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development holding the additional charge of Labour Department, agreed that the State share for the Community Toilets of 646 seats can be released by Labour Department to PMIDC immediately.
4. **Construction of Public Toilets** – Chairman instructed that the process of identification of suitable locations in the 10 Corporation cities for the current year target of 150 toilets be completed before



the next meeting of High Powered Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2015. Similar to Community Toilets, the construction and maintenance of public toilets may also be given to reputed organization (s) such as Sulabh Souchalaya etc or to the organizations which are willing to construct and maintain at their own cost.

5. **Solid Waste Management** –CEO, PMIDC informed that this is an ongoing project in which the work is in progress in 4 out of 8 clusters in the State and that there is immediate requirement of funds. On the advice of Chairman, Secretary Expenditure agreed to release the balance of Rs. 18.4 cr. of Government of India share immediately for this purpose.
6. **IEC and Public Awareness Component** – It was discussed that most of the activities under this component be planned and executed centrally at State level. The Committee desired that an action plan be drawn up and placed in the next High Powered Committee meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2015. After detailed deliberations, Principal Secretary School Education agreed that a chapter of Swachh Bharat Mission can be included in the text books in schools of Punjab and a letter in this regard can be addressed by Secretary Local Government to Punjab School Education Board.
7. **Capacity Building and Administrative Expensive Component** – The Committee directed that an action plan for utilization of funds for this component be prepared and presented in the next meeting. Chairman suggested that MGSIPA can be involved in training for carrying out Swachh Bharat Mission activities.
8. It was reiterated by the Committee that only such locations should be taken up for construction of public toilets and Community Toilets, where the water supply and sewerage connections facilities are available and operational.
9. The committee took note and gave ex post facto approval of concept note on State Urban Sanitation Strategy of Punjab

submitted to Ministry of Urban Development, based on which funds have been released by Ministry of Urban Development already.

- 10.** The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of High Powered Committee will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> June , 2015 at 4pm in Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Punjab Civil Secretariat-I.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks.



**Chairman**