

Minutes of meeting held on 4.11.09 in the chamber of Chief Secretary

A meeting was called today under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary to discuss the environmental and other issues arising out of the fire in the Oil Installations of IOC in Sitapura, Jaipur. The following attended the meeting :-

1. Principal Secretary, Environment
2. Principal Secretary, Medical & Health
3. Secretary, Disaster Management & Relief
4. District Collector, Jaipur
5. Principal, SMS Medical College, Jaipur

The following issues were discussed in the meeting :

1. Principal Secretary, Environment apprised the Chief Secretary about the stations which had been set up in the vicinity of the IOC depot so far for sampling the ambient air quality. The five stations set up for this purpose on 30.10.09 are :
  - a. Police Station, Pratapnagar
  - b. Sewerage Treatment Plant, Village Dehlavas
  - c. Mathurawala Village
  - d. Police Station, Shivdaspura
  - e. Chokhi Dhani, Village Sriram ki Nangal, Jaipur
2. Principal Secretary, Environment mentioned that the parameters being monitored so far regarding the ambient air quality are Nox, Suspended Particulate Matter (SPM), Respirable Particulate Matter (RSPM). It was mentioned that the State Board do not have the facility to monitor Carbon Monoxide (CO) and other pollutants such as Organic Carbon, Volatile Organic Carbon, etc. and had requested the Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi to depute a scientific team on 4<sup>th</sup> November for monitoring these and other parameters.
3. The Committee constituted by the State Government under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Environment to assess the impact of fire and provide suggestions regarding precautionary measures to be taken, would be submitting its detailed report by 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2009.
4. Chief Secretary pointed out that the side effect of the pollution may also be assessed by sending teams in the nearby villages along with the present methodology of analyzing the ambient air quality.
5. Principal Secretary, Environment handed over a detailed report of the ambient air quality till 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 at the five different locations which is available at Flag 'A'.

6. It emerged during the course of discussions that the possible fall out of the pollution because of the fire of IOC would primarily remain confined in a radius of 10-12 kms from the location of installation.
7. Principal Secretary, Environment pointed out during the course of discussions that as per the powers vested in the State Pollution Control Board, the State Board, Authority had the powers of enforcement of directions and procedures in respect of isolated storage of hazardous chemicals which includes such oil installations also. The detailed report of Sr. Environment Engineer (Planning), Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board received in this regard is placed below at Flag 'B'.
8. As regards action taken by Medical & Health Department, it was pointed out by Principal Secretary, Medical & Health that 880 persons in one dozen affected villages have been checked by sending three mobile teams. The number of mobile teams deputed for providing medical and health care would be increased to 5 with effect from today. Team of specialists in skin and eye care have also been stationed at Chaksu and Shivdaspura Sub-Centres.
9. Chief Secretary directed that at least one ANM should be stationed in each of the 12 affected villages and should be provided adequate medicines including eye drops to provide relief to the affected population.
10. A detailed report regarding action taken for providing adequate aid to the affected citizens has been received from Collector, Jaipur and is placed below at Flag 'C'. It has been mentioned in the report that Press releases are being issued on a regular basis to promote general awareness amongst citizens on medical/health issues. Regular press briefing is also being held by Collector, Jaipur.
11. Principal, SMS Medical College, Jaipur mentioned that he has constituted a team of doctors vide office order dated 3.11.09 (copy placed below at Flag 'D') to look into the environmental pollution caused by the fire incident at IOC installation at Sitapura. This Committee is to submit its report by 4.11.09.
12. During the course of discussions, CS asked Principal Secretary, Environment to have samples of pollutants collected from the sites mentioned in the newspaper reports and to have them examined so that required remedial action, if any, may be taken.