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NEW DELHI – 110003**

No. YPMC/2020/

Dated: 31.12.2020

**Subject: Report published in The Hindustan Times dated 29.12.20 about High levels of Ammonia in river Yamuna.**

Dear Shri Meena/Prashant Gargwa,

The Hindustan Times dated 29.12.20 has reported that the Ammoniacal Nitrogen levels in river Yamuna at Wazirabad have been observed to be as high as 7 ppm against the permissible limits of 0.8 ppm. The weblink to the news item is available at: <https://m.hindustantimes.com/delhi-news/raghav-chadha-urges-cpcb-to-intervene-as-yamuna-pollution-rises/story-lKZee4R35ZfSEJ32sfeDaN.html>

It has also been reported that the reason primarily is the industrial effluent/untreated domestic sewage entering river Yamuna through Drains no. 6 and 8 and through Rohtak regulator.

In this connection please also refer to the letters dated 16.11.20 and 26.11.20 from Member (water supply), DJB addressed to Chairman CPCB.

I had also spoken to MS CPCB on 14.12.20 on this subject and was informed that CPCB is taking necessary action in the matter and is also following it up with the HSPCB and that an action taken report in the matter will be sent in due course.

As you are aware, the incidence of high levels of Ammoniacal Nitrogen is sporadic in nature and is generally reported during the winter months of December-February almost every year.

Though the concerned Departments of Haryana and Delhi may make it appear to be case for release of more fresh water during the months of lean flows in the river, however, YMC is only concerned with the industrial effluent and untreated domestic sewage coming from the cities/townships in the catchment of river Yamuna.

YMC has also taken up the matter with the Chief Secretary Haryana today through a Whatsapp message requesting him to direct authorities to take immediate action to prevent flow of untreated sewage and industrial effluent from Haryana into river Yamuna.

Considering the recurring nature of the problem, it is incumbent upon the CPCB and HSPCB to put in place a robust surveillance system particularly during the critical winter months for monitoring the activities of the industries and the functioning of STPs and also take coercive action against the defaulting units.

Please depute a team of Scientists/Engineers from CPCB to identify point sources of pollution leading to high levels of Ammoniacal Nitrogen in the river Yamuna. Please also associate HSPCB in the inspection and submit a report thereafter positively within next 10 days.

This mail is being sent with the concurrence of Member (Shailaja Chandra).

Sincerely yours,

Sd/-

B. S. Sajwan

Member

Yamuna Monitoring Committee

To:

1. Chairman, CPCB
2. Member Secretary, CPCB

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