

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Ulhasnagar City Air Quality Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 27th Dec, 2019 at UMC, 11.30 am onwards

A meeting of the City Level Air Quality Monitoring Committee was convened by MPCB RO Kalyan at UMC in compliance with the Hon'ble NGT order dated 8/10/2019 and CPCB's letter dated 24/04/2019 for monitoring the progress of implementation of the action plan of the city as per action points suggested by CPCB and submit progress report of the same on quarterly basis for further submission before State level Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC) headed by Principal Secretary, Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra.

Regional Officer, MPCB kalyan communicated the committee member regarding the schedule of the meeting under National Air clean program vide letter no. MPCB/ROK/B-313, dated-20.12.2019. This matter has to be treated as MOST URGENT as per direction of Member Secretary, MPCB.

Meeting was convened by MPCB Regional Officer, Kalyan, in the office of Commissioner, Ulhasnagar Municipal Corporation, Tal-Ulhasnagar, Dist-Thane with AQMC as follows:

- 1) Representative – District Collector
- 2) Police Commissioner Representative
- 3) Municipal Council Representative
- 4) Educational Institute or Research Institute Expert
- 5) District Medical Officer
- 6) Regional Transport Officer
- 7) Industry Representative

It was decided to include Health & Sanitation officer of UMC, from Educational Institute Principal of CHM College and Executive Engineer (Water Supply) as Municipal Corporation Representative. Industry Representative was proposed from local Industry Association. AQMC members were informed well in advance about the meeting. **Absence of Representatives from Police Commissioner, District Health Officer and Regional Transport Officer was noted.** They had not communicated any reason for absence verbally, written or telephonically. Attendance sheet is enclosed separately. Commissioner UMC as Head of AQMC instructed Accounts Officer to open a separate account for receiving funds under NCAP and submit the bank details to JD Air, MPCB and AQMC at the earliest.

It was decided to assign Mr. Sonwane, Executive Engineer (Water Supply) UMC as coordinator of the AQMC.

Consultant Dr. Geetanjali Kaushik initiated the discussion about the city highlighting the status of Air Quality, Solid Waste Management, Roads, Green Spaces and Industry. In the year 2018-19, Ulhasnagar- Powai Chowk recorded NO_x concentrations (54 µg/m³) and RSPM concentrations (114 µg/m³) that were higher than the standard prescribed limits for NO_x (40µg/m³) and RSPM (60 µg/ m³). She mentioned that Ulhasnagar has been allocated Rs 20 Lakhs under NCAP out of which Rs 12 Lakhs have been released.

Revisions in Action Plan were discussed

- 1) **Air Quality Monitoring Network** - MPCB will establish 2 CAAQMS in Ulhasnagar city at Gol maidan garden and Sapna garden.
- 2) **Domestic Fuel**- As per data available with UMC there are 136249 domestic and 8986 commercial LPG connections in Ulhasnagar.
- 3) **Source Apportionment (SA) and Emission Inventory (EI)**- EI / SA to be undertaken by NEERI.
- 4) **Actions Plan specific to NO_x Control**
 - Planned Anti-Encroachment Drive to remove hawkers from footpaths and roads
 - Drives against vehicles parked on roads
- 5) **Public Awareness and Complaint Redressal**- UMC has a toll free landline number 18002331103 for registering grievances.

Being an introductory meeting, action plan prepared in excel sheet showing relevant points were allocated to different departments and stake holder. Further it was decided that all the stake holder should come up with action taken report in the next meeting.

The following major issues were discuss and it was decided the concern department shall submit their report in the ensure meeting,

Sr. No.	Action Point	Concern Department /Stake Holders
1	Launch extensive drives against polluting vehicles-	RTO, Traffic Police, UMC.
2	Launch public awareness campaigns for air pollution control	UMC to plan workshops

3	Prevent parking of vehicles at non-designated areas	Traffic Police
4	Action Plan for road widening	City Engineer to coordinate with MMRDA
5	Plan for expressways/bypass	City Engineer to coordinate with MMRDA for KB Road and Murbad road.
6	Synchronize traffic movements	UMC & Traffic Police - KB road signaling at 3-7 locations, CCTVs to be installed
7	Installation of remote sensor PUCs	UMC & RTO - information to be obtained from RTO
8	Public transport system	UMC to apply for funding from Ministry of New & Non-Conventional Energy Sources and ensure smooth traffic for Rickshaws, Ola and Uber taxis.
9	CNG for public transport	UMC to give letter to diesel/ petrol pumps for conversion to CNG pumps
10	Introduce water fountains at major traffic intersections	UMC - finalize 4 locations and installed on war foot basis.
11	Extensive drives against open burning	UMC - shall take action and collect the penalties.
12	Proper collection of horticulture waste and disposal by way of composting cum gardening approach	UMC - Finalize the 3 locations and start commissioning at earliest
13	Actions against non-complying industrial units, alternate fuel, promotion of cleaner industries, upgradation of air pollution control	MPCB to issue directives and share actions undertaken

Action plan for control of air pollution of Ulhasnagar cities is prepared in excel sheet with relevant points was allocated to different departments / stake holders and circulated. Further it was decided that all the stake holders should come of with detailed action taken report for next meeting. It was decided to meet fourth Friday at about 3.00 p.m. every month.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Pradip 04/01/2026
 Commissioner,
 Ulhasnagar Municipal Corporation

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 Regional Officer,
 M. P. C. Board, Kalyan