



## ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮಾಲಿನ್ಯ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ ಮಂಡಳಿ Karnataka State Pollution Control Board

"ಪರಿಸರಭವನ", 1 ರಿಂದ 5ನೇ ಮಹಡಿಗಳು, ನಂ.49, ಚರ್ಚ್‌ಸ್ಟ್ರೀಟ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು - 560 001, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ, ಭಾರತ  
"Parisara Bhavana", 1st to 5th Floor, # 49, Church Street, Bengaluru - 560 001, Karnataka, INDIA  
PCB/CEO/Lab- Com Proceeding/AQMC/2013-14 Date: 24 JUN 2014

Minutes of the meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Laboratory Committee held on 21.3.2014 in the Board Meeting Hall, KSPCB, "Parisara Bhavan", No.49, Church street, Bangalore - 560 001.

### The following members were present:

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| 1) Sri Vijaya Kumar, IFS, Member Secretary, KSPCB | - | Chairperson     |
| 2) Dr. Niranjana Bagchi,                          | - | Member          |
| 3) Sri S.Suresh, Zonal Officer, CPCB, Bangalore   | - | Member          |
| 4) Sri Ravikamalapurkar, CFO, KSPCB               | - | Member          |
| 5) Dr. B.Nagappa, SO, KSPCB                       | - | Member Convener |

### Absent with intimation:

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| 1) Dr. Praveen Bhatt                 | - | Member |
| 2) Prof. S.N.Bhat                    | - | Member |
| 3) Dr.B.R.Balagangadharan, CSO, CEL. | - | Member |

The following items of the agenda were discussed.

### **Item No.1: Purchase of Laboratory equipment to Central Environmental Laboratory and Regional Laboratories of the Board.**

The procedure for the purchase of the equipment was discussed thoroughly. It was initiated on 20.12.2011 and delayed inordinately. In this regard Chief Finance Officer of the Board clarified that as per Government procedure the finalization of process should have been done completely within 60 days with an extension of 45 days under exceptional circumstances. It also observed that during this period there might have been more advance equipment in the market and the performance of the equipment might have also been improved with advancement of technology. It was therefore recommended by the Committee that on both these counts, the tendering process has to be reinitiated with a specific condition that, the monitoring of the process will be done by a Competent knowledgeable person who will be designated as the Inviting Authority, who will report to the Accepting Authority to ensure that the procedure laid down by The Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act, 1999.



(KTPP) will be followed. The KTPP also provides for technical presentation and pre-bid evaluation of vendors.

**Item No.2 : Job Chart to Scientific Staff of Laboratory.**

The report was distributed to all members of the laboratory Committee. Only one response has come: from the Chief Scientific Officer, Central Environmental Laboratory. His contention is that the Chief Scientific Officer should report to the Member Secretary and not to the Chief Environmental Officer. Other points in his observations relate to matters that are internal to KSPCB, which includes the formation of the position of Senior Chief Scientific Officer. The placement of people with SSLC who have been recruited by the KSPCB would essentially form a part of the C & R Rules that are in the process of being finalized by the Competent Authority. As such all his points need to be decided on by the Competent Authority.

**Item No.3: Letter from MoEF letter, regarding empanelment of Private Laboratories.**

A letter has been received from Adviser (CP), MOEF having reference DO No.Q-150168/30/2013-CPW, dated 6.3.2014. The content of the letter is that the system of recognition of private laboratories by KSPCB is not in line with the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the rules there under. The present practice which is in the process being finalized requires all laboratories in Karnataka who will be permitted by KSPCB to carry out analysis of environmental samples must be approved by the NABL so that they comply with ISO 17005:2005 in that particular area covered on the approval by NABL. All such laboratories will automatically get recognition by KSPCB.

This is also in line with MOEF notifications subsequent to August, 2009 where companies are permitted to carryout EIA studies must have their environmental samples analyzed through laboratories which are recognized either by NABL or by MOEF. In order to maintain uniformity within Karnataka, KSPCB has initiated system of compliances with NABL standards. This period of obtaining recognition by NABL has been fixed till 31.12.2014. Therefore, the practice followed by KSPCB will be in line with that of MOEF by December, 2014. In case Private laboratories do not get NABL recognition by December, 2014 they will lose the recognition of the KSPCB.

**Special Item: Purchase of equipment on Emergency basis:**

These items will included in the Point No.1 above i.e., purchase of equipments:

1. The Committee recommended for 50 pieces of Type-1 Noise Level Meter capable of recording and printing noise level as per the prescribed standards.
2. Monitoring vans – 5 nos. (As per specifications already provided), to be purchased in stages for specific areas.
3. VOC monitors – 9 pieces to be purchased in stages, as already discussed in previous meeting.

  
MEMBER CONVENER

  
MEMBER SECRETARY,  
& CHAIRMAN, LABORATORY COMMITTEE

**To:**

1. Dr. Niranjana Bagchi, Former Joint Secretary (IA), Ministry of Environment and Forests, GoI, B, 3/1, Paradise Nest, Varthur Road, Thubanaahalli, Bangalore – 560 066.
2. Prof. S.N. Bhat, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Research, Jakkur, Bangalore - 560064
3. Dr. Praveena Bhatt, Scientist, Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysore – 570 020.
4. Mr. S. Suresh, Zonal Officer, Zonal office, Nisarga Bhavan, Thimmaiah road, 7<sup>th</sup> 'D' main road, Saneguruvanahalli, Bangalore – 560 079.
5. Chief Environmental Officer-3 (Laboratory in charge Head Office), KSPCB, Bangalore
6. Chief Scientific Officer, Central Environmental Laboratory, KSPCB, Bangalore.
7. Chief Finance Officer, KSPCB, Bangalore

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2. The Building section for information and necessary action
3. PA to Member Secretary to place before the Member Secretary for information.
4. PA to Chairman for information and to place before the Hon'ble Chairman for kind information.

  
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