

Minutes of the 7th Lake Protection Committee Meeting held on 29-4-2013 in the Conference Hall of BPP Building, Tank Bund Road, Hyderabad.

The meeting was chaired by the Metropolitan Commissioner, HMDA as the Chairman of the Committee and the list of the members / officers who attended the meeting is enclosed as Annexure-1. The following issues were discussed during the meeting:

1. The Member Environment, HMDA and convener, Lake Protection Committee (LPC) welcomed the members of the LPC and explained about the agenda items of the 7th LPC.
2. The status report on the decisions taken in the previous (6) LPC meetings was put up before the Committee members.
3. The status of 21 prioritized lakes during 1st LPC was reviewed lake wise and the updated status as discussed in the meeting is enclosed as Annexure-2.
4. The HMWS&SB informed about the protection measures taken for Osman Sagar and Himayath Sagar. The details of these protection works are enclosed as Annexure-3. Further the HMWS&SB was asked to get the encroachments removed from these water bodies with the help of Police and Revenue Department and as per the provisions of HMWS&SB Act. The Chairman, LPC requested to take immediate action on these items.

(Action: HMWS&SB; Police and Revenue Dept.,)

5. The Commissioner, GHMC informed that Consultants have been engaged for fixation of FTL, Buffer Zone etc and so far identification of 128 lakes has already been completed.
6. The FTL pillars were fixed for 64 Lakes by Revenue and Irrigation authorities and memoirs have been prepared for 45 lakes. For the balance 64 lakes, it was agreed that 20 lakes per month from May to July 2013 will be taken up for fixation of FTL boundaries in coordination with Revenue and Irrigation Departments. Further it was decided to prepare the memoirs of all the 128 lakes identified by July 2013.

(Action: GHMC; Revenue; Irrigation Dept.,)

7. Metropolitan Commissioner, HMDA informed that process of engagement of Consultants for fixing of FTL boundaries, buffer zone, erection of FTL pillars and preparation of DPR for conservation and protection for 325 lakes in erstwhile HUDA area has been finalized. It was informed that the scope of the consultancy work includes fixation of FTL pillars with Lat-Long coordinates, total station survey of the lake area with buffer zone, superimposition of the Revenue maps, Ownership details within the FTL and buffer zones, memoirs and prioritization of the lakes for protection etc.

8. To begin with, the Consultants will be taking up this work from the month of May 2013 for prioritized lakes in R.R.District with the help of Revenue, Irrigation and Panchayat Raj and HMDA. The Joint Collector, R.R. District was asked to call for a meeting under his chairmanship from the Revenue, Irrigation and Panchayat Raj and HMDA Departments within next 2-3 days and chalk out a detailed action plan for implementation of this component of work. HMDA will provide the list of lakes Mandal wise to Revenue, Irrigation and Panchayat Raj Departments.

(Action: Joint Collector, R.R.Dist., Revenue, Irrigation and Panchayat Raj and HMDA Dept)

9. During review by the LPC, the Superintending Engineer, Irrigation informed the Committee members that there is acute shortage of field level staff and many of the officers are holding additional charge due to which it is very difficult for them to coordinate in the survey work as instructed above. It was decided in the meeting, in view of the fact that Hon'ble High Court / Lok Ayukta are insisting upon timely action with respect to lakes, to address the Prl.Secretary, I&CAD Department to post regular staff with sufficient strength at least for next 6 months so that the components of works agreed in the meeting can be taken up timely and court directions can be complied with.

(Action: HMDA; I&CAD Dept.,)

10. The Metropolitan Commissioner, HMDA further informed that HMDA is identifying village wise water bodies in the extended HMDA area as per the Master Plan 2031. In this regard National Geo-Physical Research Institute (NGRI), Hyderabad informed that the institute has already carried out a study basing on satellite imageries for identification of water bodies. NGRI was requested to coordinate with HMDA Planning Wing to finalise the list of lakes falling in extended HMDA area.

(Action: Director (Planning), HMDA; NGRI, Hyderabad)

11. The Committee resolved that after the survey is completed with superimposition of revenue maps, all survey numbers falling within FTL shall be listed and Collectors/ Government will be requested to notify these survey numbers prohibiting registrations under Section 22A(1)(e) of Registration Act.

(Action: Collectors, Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy, Medak, Nalgonda & Mahabubnagar Districts)

12. The Committee decided to request the Government to hand over all Government lands falling under G.O. 111 area to HMDA and Forest Department for development of greenery / forest in these lands.

(Action: HMDA; Revenue)

13. It was informed during the meeting that several NGOs, Welfare Associations and other individuals have been filing complaints with HMDA; GHMC regarding lake debris dumping, lake encroachment, pollution in the lakes through waste disposal in the lakes / water bodies and encroachments / violations in the FTL of the lakes. After detailed discussions, it was decided to request the Police Department to register FIRs based on complaints received from individuals / organizations and take action for launching criminal action besides seizing tool and machinery of the offenders / violators. Further GHMC informed that there is a toll free number 155304 wherein complaints can be lodged. It was decided that HMDA will also create a similar toll free number for registering complaints

(Action: HMDA; GHMC and Police Department)

14. It was further decided that Collector, R.R. District and Asst. Director, Mines R.R. District shall come up with a plan to identify the abandoned quarry pits for utilization for dumping of the construction debris so that illegal dumping at the lakes can be prevented. GHMC informed that the EOI is being issued for the purpose of dumping of the construction debris as a Government approved facility.

(Action: Collector, R.R.District; Asst. Director, Mines)

15. A draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for adoption of lakes by the Corporates and other agencies for preservation and protection of lakes was discussed in detail and it was agreed to call for an EoI to further streamline the terms & conditions of the draft MoU in consultation with the stakeholders.

(Action: HMDA)

16. On the directions of HRC on Sarronagar Tank, the Committee discussed on the sewage inflows into the lake. The Chief Engineer, GHMC, Chief Engineer, HMDA and Chief Engineer, HMWS&SB were requested to jointly inspect and come up with proposals for making the lake pollution free as per directions of the HRC

(Action: Chief Engineer, GHMC; Chief Engineer (E), HMDA and Chief Engineer, HMWS&SB)

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks.

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Metropolitan Commissioner,
HMDA