

पत्रांक-04/पर्या०/वन -11/2025.....6346/प०व०ज०प०

बिहार सरकार
पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन विभाग

प्रेषक,

राजीव कुमार,
सरकार के उप सचिव।

सेवा में,

सदस्य सचिव,
बिहार राज्य प्रदूषण नियंत्रण पर्वद,
पटना।

पटना-15 दिनांक.....05/10/26

विषय:- अपर मुख्य सचिव, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन विभाग, बिहार की अध्यक्षता में दिनांक-16.09.2026 को River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) की संपन्न 11वीं बैठक की कार्यवाही/वृत्त के प्रारूप के संबंध में।

प्रसंग:- आपका कार्यालय पत्रांक-1414, दिनांक-22.09.2026

महाशय,

निदेशानुसार उपर्युक्त विषयक प्रासंगिक पत्र के संदर्भ में कहना है कि अपर मुख्य सचिव, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन विभाग, बिहार की अध्यक्षता में दिनांक-16.09.2026 को River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) की संपन्न 11वीं बैठक की यथासंशोधित कार्यवाही/वृत्त के प्रारूप (छायाप्रति संलग्न) पर विभागीय सहमति संसूचित की गयी है।

अतः अनुरोध है कि उक्त बैठक की कार्यवाही निर्गत किये जाने हेतु अपने स्तर से आवश्यक कार्रवाई करने की कृपा की जाय।

अनु०-यथोक्त।

विश्वासभाजन

Rajiv Kumar
05.10.2026

(राजीव कुमार)

सरकार के उप सचिव

Minutes of 11th meeting of River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) held on 16.09.2026 under the chairmanship of the Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of Bihar to review the implementation of action plans in compliance with the order of the Hon'ble NGT in O.A. No. 676 /2018.

1. Presence – As per register.

2. The Member Secretary, Bihar State Pollution Control Board, Patna apprised the achievements of the River Rejuvenation Committee over the last five years, and the current status of compliance in light of orders of the Hon'ble NGT in the matter of O.A. no. 673/2018. The updated status of the compliance is as follows:

(i) On the basis of water quality data of 2019 & 2021, 18 Polluted River Stretches had been identified in the State of Bihar. This number reduced to 12 as per data of 2022 & 2023, and further declined to 07 as per the latest CPCB report. The status is summarised as below:-

Priority	BOD Standard	Before 2018	2019 & 2021	2022 & 2023	2024
I	>30 mg/L	0	0	0	0
II	20-30 mg/L	0	1	0	0
III	10-20 mg/L	1	2	4	0
IV	6-10 mg/L	0	7	3	2
V	3-6 mg/L	5	8	5	5
Total		6	18	12	7

(ii) No Polluted River Stretch has been observed on the River Ganga in Bihar since 2024. At present Gandak and Sirsiya (Priority-IV); and Harbaura, Kohra, Ramrekha, Gangi and Burhi Gandak/Sikrahna (Priority-V) are the polluted River stretches in the state.

3. The status of the compliance of the decisions taken in the 10th meeting of RRC (held on 06.10.2025), along with the discussion on the agenda of the 11th meeting are as follows:-

(a) UD&HD to expedite completion of sewage management projects:

Against the estimated sewage generation of approx. 1100 MLD from urban areas, a total of 41 sewage management projects with a combined treatment capacity of 1462.4 MLD are presently at different stages: 18 STPs (508 MLD) completed; 11 STPs (187.6 MLD) under construction; 04 STPs (168.5 MLD) under tender evaluation; and 08 STPs (598.3 MLD) under DPR preparation stage. Against the 508 MLD capacity of completed STPs, present utilization stands at 278.336 MLD, i.e. 55.78%. Direction was given by the Chairman to expedite the tendering process for the remaining STPs and to get the approval of NMCG on DPRs already prepared, at the earliest.

(b) Water Resource Department (WRD) to define flood plain zone for un-embanked rivers:

Flood Plain Zoning for embanked rivers has already been notified vide order No. 143, dated 06.03.2025, which is presently under review in light of discussions held on 13.04.2026 and NMCG communications of May & August 2025. It was apprised by the Water Resource Department that for the River Ganga, the Department has engaged the National Institute of Hydrology (NIH), Roorkee, to delineate the flood plain zone, which will be completed by October 2026. After which the exercise shall be extended to the remaining rivers i.e. Gandak, Sone, Koshi, Ghaghra and Mahananda of the State and tentatively to be completed by the year 2028.

(c) UDHD/BUIDCo to ensure utilization of treated sewage:

It was intimated that The "Policy for Safe Re-use of Treated Water - Bihar" has been notified by the State Government. Under the policy: Barh STP has signed an MoU with NTPC, Barh (tender under process); Kahalgaon STP is coordinating with NTPC, Kahalgaon; and Begusarai STP is in process with IOCL, Barauni, for utilization of treated water in place of fresh water drawn from the River.

(d) UDHD to ensure proper waste processing facility in ULBs along PRS:

It was informed that Material Recovery Facility (2966 TPD) and Composting Plant (3431 TPD) capacity is under construction. The State has operationalized Compost Plants of combined 2197 TPD capacity and MRF of 865 TPD capacity, reported for the first time at this scale of progress. In addition, ULBs have floated tenders for compost plant (1429 TPD) and 65 ULBs have floated tenders for MRF (1062 TPD).

- (e) **UDHD to pursue early sanction/disposal of sewage projects with NMCG:** It was intimated that to get sanction on all pending projects follow up action is being taken with NMCG on a regular basis.
- (f) **Minor Water Resources Department to expedite SOP on groundwater regulation:** It was intimated that Minor Water Resources Department has prepared the "Bihar Ground Water (Management and Regulation) Bill, 2026" and circulated it to stakeholders for comments; further action for its approval is being pursued.
- (g) **DoEF&CC to request MoEF&CC intervention on Sirsiya pollution from Nepal:** It was informed that DoEF&CC has sent a letter to MoEF&CC on 24.02.2026 in this regard. It was further apprised that the Sirsiya river, a Polluted River Stretch, has improved from Priority-I to Priority-IV, and its water quality is expected to improve further when the STPs proposed along it at Raxaul becomes operational. The I&D and STP projects at Raxaul (12 MLD) and Motihari (23 MLD) are expected to become operational by next year; in addition, 07 STPs are being planned along the river under Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 (SBM 2.0). BUIDCo further apprised the Committee that STPs are proposed along the Sirsiya River at 09 locations in all; The Chairman directed that all such projects be expedited.
- (h) **UDHD& DoEF&CC to identify land for Biodiversity Parks along PRS:** Lands have been identified in Buxar, Sonapur, Patna, Munger, Bhagalpur, Begusarai and Lakhisarai in the Ganga flood plain, for establishment of Biodiversity Parks. The chairman directed to send the complete proposal to NMCG for necessary Sanction.
- (i) **BIADA to submit status of CETP construction, including Hajipur:** Details of effluent generation and capacity of ETPs in the relevant industrial areas were appraised by BIADA as under:

Area	Effluent Generated (KLD)	ETP Capacity (KLD)	Treated Water (KLD)	Operational Industries
Barari, Bhagalpur	35.5	115	32	5
Hajipur, Vaishali	636	1729	575	30
Bela, Muzaffarpur	284.6	677	167	37
Fatuha, Patna	132.8	433	76	32

BIADA further apprised the Committee that construction of CETP was found not feasible at Fatuha, Muzaffarpur and Barari (Bhagalpur), as also at Hajipur Industrial Area, since the units located there are predominantly small-scale industries with their own Effluent Treatment Plants (ETPs). It was also apprised that CETP is being considered for the upcoming industrial project at IMC, Gaya. BIADA was directed to submit a documented report in this regard immediately, in consultation with the BSPCB.

The State Ganga Committee, chaired by the Chief Secretary, Bihar, at its meeting held on 03.07.2026, discussed establishment of Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs). The Chief Secretary directed that the CETP requirement for the industrial areas of Fatuha, Muzaffarpur and Barari (Bhagalpur) be reassessed by the BSPCB and a report be submitted.

(j) DoEF&CC to ensure green vegetation along PRS: It was intimated that a total of 1,345,909 plants have been planted along Ganga during F.Y 2016-17 to 2022-23.

(k) Rural Works Departments (RRD) to ensure completion of groundwater recharge/rainwater harvesting works: It was intimated that under MGNREGA, against the sanctioned 322,830 structures (rainwater harvesting structures on buildings, rejuvenation of public water bodies, recharge structures near public wells/hand-pumps, and check-dams/water harvesting on minor rivers/nalas), 320,405 have been completed.

(l) Panchayati Raj Dept./RRD to ensure sewage & solid waste management facility in rural areas: Updated data was submitted by the Rural Development Department vide letter no. BRLPS/LSBA/Proj/293/25/768, dated 16.09.2026, reflecting progress as of 15.09.2026. The comparative chart was given as under:

Indicator	Target/Cumulative (as of 08.10.2025)	Target/Cumulative (as of 15.09.2026)
Solid & liquid WM work initiated in GPs	8,053 / 8,053 (100%)	8,051 / 8,051 (100%)
Total work started in	105,530/109,332 (97%)	109,332 / 109,291

wards		(99.96%)
Waste Processing Units constructed	6,946 / 7,965 (98%)	7,281 / 7,872 (92.49%)
Paidal Rickshaw (@1/ward)	108,785 / 108,993 (99%)	109,175 / 109,216 (99.96%)
E-Rickshaw (@1/GP)	8,038/ 8,053 (99%)	8,049 / 8,051 (99.98%)
GOBAR-Dhan plants completed & functional	36/ 38 (95%)	25/ 38, 13 to be made functional (65.79%)
Plastic Waste Management Units	170 / 189 (90%)	175/ 178 (98.31%)
ODF Plus Model Villages	34,119 / —	35,462 / 36,064 (98.33%)

(Target figures for FY 2026-27 stand revised on account of displacement of 2 Gram Panchayats, one under the Bagmati Project in Muzaffarpur, and one fully submerged in flood in Gopalganj, as noted in RRD's letter dated 16.09.2026.)

(m) UDHD/BUIDCo to ensure quality of treated sewage conforms to standards: It was intimated that quality of treated sewage from operational STPs is being maintained within prescribed standards.

(n) UDHD/BUIDCo to ensure OCEMS installation at STPs: It was intimated that out of 18 installed STPs, 17 are operational. Of these, 16 STPs have installed Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring System (OCEMS) and connected to the BSPCB and CPCB servers; the remaining STPs are yet to be connected; BUIDCo assured that the same shall be expedited.

4. After detailed discussion, the following decisions were taken:-

- a. UDHD/BUIDCo shall complete the tendering process for the remaining STPs, commence construction work, and pursue the approval of DPRs already prepared with the NMCG on priority.

(Action: UDHD, BUIDCO)

- b. Water Resources Department (WRD) shall complete the NIH study on flood plain zoning of the River Ganga (Chausa-Manihari stretch) by October, 2026 and thereafter complete flood plain zoning of the remaining rivers i.e. Gandak, Sone, Koshi, Ghaghra and Mahananda by the year 2028.

(Action: Water Resource Department)

- c. UDHD/BUIDCo shall pursue execution of MoUs for reuse of treated sewage water under the "Policy for Safe Re-use of Treated Water – Bihar" with NTPC, IOCL and other consumers, and submit a status report.

(Action: UDHD, BUIDCO)

- d. UDHD shall ensure early operationalization of the solid waste processing facilities (MRF & Compost Plants) under construction, and completion of tendered facilities in ULBs along the Polluted River Stretch (PRS).

(Action: UDHD)

- f. DoEF&CC shall finalize the proposal for Biodiversity Parks at the identified sites (Buxar, Sonpur, Patna, Munger, Bhagalpur, Begusarai and Lakhisarai), in consultation with UDHD & Water Resources Department (WRD), and submit the same to NMCG for funding.

(Action: DoEF&CC, UDHD, WRD)

- g. BIADA, in consultation with BSPCB, shall submit a detailed reassessment report on the requirement/feasibility of CETP at Fatuha, Muzaffarpur, Barari (Bhagalpur) and Hajipur, and on the proposed CETP at IMC, Gaya.

(Action: BIADA, BSPCB)

- h. BUIDCo shall expedite connectivity of the remaining STPs with the OCEMS server of BSPCB/CPCB.

(Action: UDHD, BUIDCO)

- j. UDHD shall expedite all STP projects proposed along the Sirsiya River at the 09 identified locations, including completion of STPs at Raxaul (12 MLD) and Motihari (23 MLD).

(Action: UDHD, BUIDCO)

k. Rural Development Department (RDD) and Panchayati Raj Department (PRD) shall continue to ensure completion of sewage and solid waste management facilities in rural areas as per the updated targets communicated vide its letter dated 16.09.2026, and submit further progress reports periodically.

**(Action: Rural Development Department (RDD) &
Panchayati Raj Department (PRD))**

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


Member Secretary,

Bihar State Pollution Control Board,
Patna.