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Stop water supply to RWH violators: KSPCB

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Pollution board chairman: Publish policy on solid waste management.



Dr K. Sudhakar, chairman, KSPCB, holding a review meeting in Bengaluru (Photo: DC)

Bengaluru: The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board suggested that BWSSB stop supplying water to consumers if they fail to adopt the rainwater harvesting system.

Dr K. Sudhakar, chairman, KSPCB, made the suggestion during a meeting held on Monday to review the implementation of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 and issues related to pollution of lakes in the city.

Mr Sudhakar directed the Urban Development and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj departments to take immediate action to publish the state policy on solid waste management as required under the rules.

He asked the municipal administration department and BBMP to submit the annual report, including the best practices followed by the local bodies, within seven days.

He directed officials to ensure that solid waste transportation vehicles are fitted with GPRS and efforts are made to segregate waste at source.

Pollution of lakes discussed Issues pertaining to pollution of lakes in and around Bengaluru were discussed and it was felt that considering the technical, financial and ownership cum custodian issues, all the lakes in the city should be brought under a single authority for development and management.

At the meeting, the KSPCB decided that it will analyse treated water samples from sewage treatment plants of K.C. Valley and H.N. Valley for all the

26 parameters.

The complete designed capacity of STPs should be utilised and treated sewage should meet the standards stipulated by the board, the board said. The BWSSB should adopt tertiary treatment facility for the sewage treatment plant proposed on the upstream of Tippagondanahalli reservoir, it suggested.

Anil Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department, Shekarappa, Director, Department of Municipal Administration, Officers from BWSSB, BBMP, RDPR, BDA, Minor Irrigation and Regional Director of the Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change were present at the meeting. Also, experts Dr Chanakya, Dr Jayaprakash, Dr T.V. Ramachandra and Dr Anantha Kodavasal gave their suggestions.