

The particulars of its organization, functions and duties

The Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (HPSPCB) was constituted in the year 1974 under the provision of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. Subsequently the implementation of the provisions contained in Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Cess Act, 1977, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Environmental Protection Act, 1986 in addition to Rules framed under these Acts were also entrusted to the State Board. The prime objective of all these Acts is maintaining, restoring and preserving the wholesomeness of quality of environment and prevention of hazards to human beings and terrestrial flora and fauna.

The Government of Himachal Pradesh vide Notification No. STE-A (1)-4/2001- 1- dated 29.03.2008 appointed Principal Secretary (Env. S&T) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh as Chairperson of H.P. State Pollution Control Board and reconstituted the State Board for a period of three years. Following are the members of the Board:-

I	Official Members:	
i	Pr. Secretary (Industries) to the Govt. of H.P or Director (Industries), H.P. Shimla.	Member
ii	Pr. Secretary (Health) to the Govt. of H.P. or Director (Health Services), H.P. Shimla.-9.	Member
iii	Pr. Secretary (MPP & Power) to the Govt. of H.P.	Member
iv	Secretary (I&PH) to the Govt. of H.P. or Engineer-in- Chief (I&PH) H.P. Shimla.	Member
v	Director (Environment, S & T) H.P. Shimla.	Member
vi	Managing Director, (HRTC)	Member
vii	Managing Director, (HPTDC)	Member
II	Non official Members nominated by the Government of Himachal Pradesh vide Notification No. STE-A (1)-4/2001-1 dated 21.10.2008.	
i	Sh. Kashmiri Lal Handa, Councilor , M.C. Hamirpur Gandhi Chowk, Hamirpur, H.P.	Member
ii	Sh. Narinder Thakur, Village & Post Office, Dangoh, Tehsil Amb, Distt. Una, H.P.	Member
iii	Smt. Kamla Patial, Sham Nagar, Dharmshala, Distt. Kangra. H.P.	Member
iv	Sh. Narinder Thakur, Village & Post Office, Deothi, Tehsil & Distt. Solan, H.P.	Member

Dr. Nagin Nanda, IFS was appointed as Member Secretary of the HP SPCB vide Govt. of H.P. Notification No. Per (A-1) B (6)-2/94- dated 02.01.2008.

Functions and Duties:

The HPSPCB is a nodal agency in the administrative structure of the State Government for planning, coordination, prevention & control of pollution and so also protection of environment in the framework of environmental regulations. The following legislative measures are significant vis-à-vis the functions and duties of the State Board.

- Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974: The Parliament in the 25th year of the Republic promulgated this legislation in pursuance to Clause-1 of Article 252 of the Constitution of India, with the objective of prevention and control of water pollution and maintenance and restoration of wholesomeness of water. The H.P. State Pollution Control Board was constituted in 1974 under the provisions of this Act.

- Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Cess Act, 1977: This Act provides for levy of cess on the water consumed for specific purposes with a view to dissuade wasteful and indiscreet use of water.
- Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981: On the analogy of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 the Union Government promulgated another identical legislation which was exclusively meant to deal with the problems of air quality and preservation and maintenance thereof.
- Environment (Protection) Act, 1986: In order to provide the existing legislation for control of water and air pollution more effective and to remove the deficiency of these legislations, the Union Government enacted umbrella legislation in 37th Year of Republic. The prime objective of the legislation was to plug the existing statutory gaps whereby tremendous responsibilities by way of functions have been entrusted to the State Board. The following prominent rules and notifications are significant in context to the role and functions of the H.P. State Pollution Control Board:
 1. Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemical Rules, 1989.
 2. The Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling, and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008.
 3. Rules for Manufacture, Use, Import, Export and Storage of Hazardous Micro-Organism, Genetically Engineered Organisms or Cells Rules, 1989.
 4. Bio-Medical Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998.
 5. Noise Pollution (Control and Regulation) Rules, 2000.
 6. Recycled Plastics Manufacture and Usage Rules, 1999/2003.
 7. Municipal Solid Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 2000.
 8. Ozone Depleting Substances (Regulation) Rules, 2000.
 9. Batteries (Management & Handling) Rules, 2001.

Other Areas/Acts/Rules Concerning General Public:

The following Rules, which have bearing on the state of the environment and health of the society, are also in existence. Under these Rules, the H.P. State Pollution Control Board is not the only agency responsible for the implementation of these Rules but nevertheless these Rules and enactments are of great significance.

They are as under:

- Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991.
- H.P. Non-Biodegradable Garbage (Control) Act, 1995.
- Motor Vehicle Act, 1988.

The State Board has ten Regional Offices at Shimla, Parwanoo, Paonta Sahib, Baddi, Una, Rampur, Jassur, Chamba, Kullu and Bilaspur to perform regulatory functions such as consent management, surveillance and monitoring etc., as prescribed under various environmental legislations. There is a Central Laboratory at Parwanoo and three Regional Laboratories at Paonta Sahib, Jassur and Sunder Nagar for providing scientific support to the regulatory functions besides implementing the Bio-Medical Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998.

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