

Capacity building programme for environmental regulators – Time to upscale

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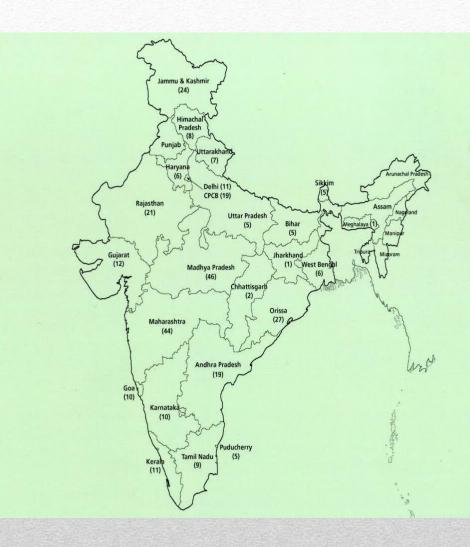
- Exercise conducted in 2008: Performance evaluation of SPCB
- Questionnaire, online survey and state visit
- Findings were surprising
 - Manpower shortage vacant seats, administrative staff, overloaded staff
 - Finance no issue, high on salary less on compliance monitoring
 - Consent low rejection rate,
 - Inspection
 - Legal case reducing, 1 or 2 legal staff
 - Stakeholder feedback: not encouraging
- Had a chairman and member secretary workshop findings were accepted unanimously
- Capacity building programme December 2010

Turnaround

CAPACITY BUILINDING PROGRAMME FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORS



One-week advanced	22
programme	
Two-weeks programme	5
One-month programme	8
More than 650 officials	



Participation



- Compliance monitoring and enforcement
- How to prepare air quality management plan?
- How to prepare water quality management plan?
- Waste management
 - E-waste
- Inspection protocol and how to grant consent
- Environmental management of mines
- Critically polluted areas and CEPI
- Continuous emission monitoring system
- Lab programme

Courses offered





- Collaboration with Swedish Environmental Protection Agency in 2012
- Objective: Learning best practices on environmental governance from developed world
- Agreement condition:
 - Participation in one month programme
 - Exposure visit to Sweden
- NEA joined the collaboration for two years (2014 & 2015)

Collaboration with SEPA



Training manual

- E-waste
- Biomedical waste
- Protocol for inspection
- How to grant consent

Policy advocacy

- Submission to Subramaniam committee
- Feedback on waste rules
- Standard for clay brick sector
- CEMS protocol and guideline

Research and policy advocacy



- Increase in participation increasing participation from North East States
- SPCBs are regularly sending young officials for 2 weeks or 4 weeks training programme for in depth understanding on environmental laws, compliance and monitoring, inspection protocol, strategy for waste management, best industrial practices and so on
- Enhanced collaboration with SPCBs and National and international agencies
- Initiative by participants for improving solid waste and e-waste management in their states
- Increased awareness on CEMS (continuous emission monitoring system) implementation
- Recognition of participants by SPCBs
- All the third party audit of the programme has rated it very highly.

Impacts



- MoEFCC sponsored programme
- MoU with Gujarat Pollution Control Board
 - Conducted programme for industry and consultant
 - GPCB officers
- Talks are on with HPPCB, GSPCB, MPCB, TNPCB, MPPCB and others
- Conducted capacity building programme
 - TNPCB
 - GSPCB
 - KeSPCB
 - MPPCB
 - BSPCB

Collaboration with other SPCBs





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