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Regional Roundtable Consultation

Filling the blanks: Strengthening Environmental Governance

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Recommendation by different government and private agencies

- Upgrading regional laboratories
- Reimbursement of water cess amount to boards without any delay
- Creating a centralized training institute
- Imposing a stricter fine for non-compliance
- Tenure of Chairman and member secretary should be of three years
- Change in recruitment policy
- Preparation of annual quality report by each SPCB
- A research cell in each SPCB
- Plan for industrial site location
- Transparency
- Computerization

Turnaround: Reform agenda for India's environmental regulators

- **Finances:** No issue
- **Manpower:** constraint remains, monitoring and inspection suffers
- **Quality of staff:** No training mechanism
- **Consent management:** No guideline/manual/training, no state level/central record on compliance status
- **Training and capacity building:**
- **Information technology**

Objective of the workshop

- **To solicit responses/feedback/inputs from the participants on key issue**
- **Four key functions of SPCB**
 - **Making regulation, and the regulatory and the monitoring functions**
 - **Data management, information dissemination and capacity building of stakeholders**
 - **Planning, execution and advisory function**
 - **Research and development**
- *Participants response on broad functions of SPCB (5 mins)*

Objective of the workshop

- **Four key functions of SPCB**
 - **Making regulation, and the regulatory and the monitoring functions**
 - **Making rules**
 - **Environmental monitoring**
 - **Consent/authorization mechanism**
 - **Inspection and compliance assurance**
 - **Self-regulation and environmental audit**
 - **Penal provision**
 - **Data management, information dissemination and capacity building of stakeholders**
 - **Data generation and management**
 - **Dissemination of information**
 - **Mass awareness programme**
 - **Public participation**
 - **Capacity building of stakeholder**

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 - **Planning and securing execution**
 - **Advisory function**
 - **Research and development**

Expected outcome

Key Tasks/Functions	Competency required by the staff to perform the tasks/functions	Institutional Capacity required in Boards to enable the staff (individuals) to perform mandated tasks/functions	What is needed at the System/Policy/government level for facilitating the Boards to fulfill their mandate?
<p>Lay down, modify or annul effluent standards for the sewage and trade effluents and for the quality of receiving waters (not being water in an inter-State stream) resulting from the discharge of effluents and to classify waters of the State</p> <p>To lay down, in consultation with the Central Board and having regard to the standards for the quality of air laid down by the Central Board, standards for emission of air pollutants into the atmosphere from industrial plants and automobiles or for the discharge of any air pollutant into the atmosphere from any other source</p>			

Expected outcome

- **Filling the dots**
- **Policy level intervention**
- **Development but in environmentally sustainable manner**

Thank You!!