

CHAPTER 10

Conclusion

The UPPCB was the main agency for enforcement of Environmental Laws in the State and responsible for formulation of policy for prevention, control or abatement of pollution which was not done effectively as discussed in the previous chapters. Similarly, other agencies like LNN, LJS, LDA, Transport, Police and Forest departments also did not discharge their responsibilities in its relation to prevention and control of pollution under relevant Acts effectively.

During 2005-10 UPPCB did not carry out test of drinking water in residential and commercial areas and failed to identify the total number of industries operating in the Lucknow City for its inspection as per provision of Water Act 1974. Despite its mandate, UPPCB did not plan a comprehensive programme for prevention and control of air pollution in Lucknow City since its inception in 1975. There was lack of modern equipment and non-upgradation of emission checking equipment with UPPCB, RTO and Traffic Police.

LNN did not adhere to the implementation schedule for the management of MSW even after a lapse of more than seven years from the scheduled date of implementation (December 2003). LNN did not take effective steps for manpower planning and provision of suitable equipment for handling of MSW in accordance with the MSW Rules. The UPPCB also failed to take action against Health Care Units including State owned SGPGI not attached with any CBWTF. Lack of co-ordination of UPPCB with various Government agencies to identify the existing Health Care Units in Lucknow City under BMW rules resulted in unreliable assessment of BMW generated in the City.

UPPCB failed to discharge its duty in respect of registration of carry bag manufacturing units and was not able to identify the manufacturers, sellers, and users to verify their compliance with the environmental standards. LNN also failed to ensure segregation, recycling and disposal of plastics waste, which resulted in choking of drains and sewerage system. Failure of LNN to identify the manufacturers, dealers, sellers, recyclers and bulk consumers of batteries, resulted in non-compliance of the BM Rules, 2001 even after nine years of its enactment. LDA did not ensure the planned development of Lucknow City based on Building Bye-laws and Zoning Regulations provided in the Lucknow Master Plan 2021. Massive constructions were allowed to be taken up by the UPPCB without prior environment clearance from SEIAA.

Thus, the Environmental Laws were not complied with effectively in Lucknow City.