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AFFIDAVIT

I, K. N. Damo, Deputy Resident Commissioner, Government of
Arunachal Pradesh, Arunachal Bhawan, New Delhi do hereby solemnly
affirm on oath as under:-

1. That I have been authorized by the Department of Urban
Development & Housing, Government of Arunachal Pradesh,
Itanagar to affirm this affidavit on behalf of the Department on the
basis of official documents that have been made available to me
and which I believe to be true.
2. That this Affidavit / Status Report is being filed pursuant to the
directions above mentioned passed by this Hon'ble Tribunal.



3. It is submitted that Arunachal Pradesh has recorded an increase in the percentage of Urban Population over the years. In 1971 the percentage of Urban Population to total population was 3.70%, 6.56% in 1981, 12.80% in 1991, 20.75% in 2001 and 22.67% in the 2011 Census. Presently there are 29 notified Urban Centers at present in the State and apart from the capital town of Itanagar and Pasighat, no other urban center has a population above 1.00 lakh population.
4. It is submitted that till recently the Municipal Solid Wastes (MSW) in the 29 Urban Centers were managed by collection of mixed garbage and disposal into designated locations in a primitive manner. However, now the Department of Urban Development has taken initiatives to get adequate measures for proper collection, transportation and disposal of the Municipal Solid Wastes in a scientific manner in accordance with the provisions contained in the Municipal Solid Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 2000.
5. It is submitted that since there is a very small number of urban population in the State, the problem of MSW is not very acute but the department is taking all necessary steps within the financial resources and expertise available with it to ensure proper disposal of MSW.
6. That in terms of the judgement of this Hon'ble Tribunal dated 25-11-2014 the response of the State Government is as under:-
 - (I) The State of Arunachal Pradesh has a large geographical area in which most of the towns are located 200-300 kms.



away from each other. The establishment of MSW Plant in cluster approach may not be feasible. However, efforts are being done for establishment of MSW Plant in cluster approach for the towns which are located within 20-30 kms. distance from each other.

- (II) The State Government has already constructed an integrated scientific sanitary MSW 50 mt. capacity treatment plant at Itanagar (completed on 31.01.2013) and scientific sanitary land fill for MSW at Changlang, Jairampur and Roing (all having 20 mt. capacity) completed in 2012 with funding from the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India. The integrated plants for Bomdila, Basar and Daporijo (all having 8 mt. capacity) towns are under constructions. However, further improvement on the existing status is considered necessary and the State Government is contemplating development under the Swachh Bharat Mission. The Arunachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board has given clearance / authorization for running the plants. To cater to the need of the other towns, the State Government is formulating plans to develop scientific sanitary land fills for MSW in a phased manner by availing funding from the Government of India.
- (III) In the State of Arunachal Pradesh, the Urban Development Department and Urban Local Bodies are putting all out efforts for door to door collection, segregation and dumping of MSW into notified land fill sites either mechanically or manually on daily basis with the available resources and by protecting the environmental interest.



- (IV) The MSW treatment plants currently being operated in the States are primarily for composting and fertilizer purposes rather than making refuse derived fuel (RDF).
- (V) Further the department of Urban Development and the Urban Local Bodies are rigorously efforts to create social awareness and educate the people about segregation of MSW by providing separate dustbins of required size for degradable and non-degradable waste.
- (VI) The State Government is in the process of framing rules and byelaws in accordance with the MSW (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000 and Hazards Waste Rules, 2008. It is submitted that though scarcity of land is always a problem, most of the towns have adequate land for disposal of MSW and space for green belt. Efforts are also being made to use recyclable multilayer plastic.
- (VII) The Government of Arunachal Pradesh has already notified and enforced the collection of civil and service charges from the citizens living in urban areas of the State.
- (VIII) It is further submitted that efforts shall be undertaken for establishment of biogas plants on anaerobic composting considering the feasibility.
- (IX) Necessary policy intervention shall be framed to prevent rag pickers from rag picking and total prohibition on minor workers in such activities.



Verification -

[Signature]
 DEPONENT

Verified at New Delhi on this the 27 day of April, 2015 that the contents of the above affidavit are true to my knowledge and belief and that nothing false has been stated herein or anything material concealed therefrom.

ATTESTED
[Signature]
 NOTARY PUBLIC, DELHI
 27-04-15

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