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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 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 there are only two Municipal Councils in the State, i.e. Itanagar Municipal Council and Pasighat Municipal Council. The department has already constructed MSW Treatment Plants at Itanagar (with integrated land fill site), Changlang, Jairampur and Roing which are functioning. Two more MSW Treatment Plants at Bomdila and Basar are being constructed after getting the necessary funds from the Government of India. The department has also prepared detailed project reports to take up such MSW treatment projects for 7 more towns and has also drawn a plan to prepare such project reports



for the remaining Urban Centers in a phased manner. The department of Urban Development and the 2 Municipal Councils and other Urban Local Bodies are vigorously trying to create social awareness in all the Urban Centers in the State for proper and effective management of the MSW.

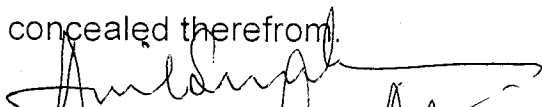
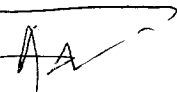
6. It is submitted that since there is a very small number of urban population in the State, the problem of MSW is not very acute but the department is taking all necessary steps within the financial resources and expertise available with it to ensure proper disposal of MSW. It is submitted that the department is studying the directions passed by this Hon'ble Tribunal in its judgement of Capt. Mall Singh Vs. Punjab PCB dated 25-11-2014 and assures this Hon'ble Tribunal that it will take all such steps as are necessary in order to give effect to the directions contained in the judgement, if the same are found to be viable in the context of the situation in Arunachal Pradesh.

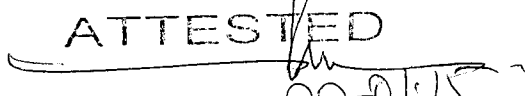

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Verification -

Verified at New Delhi on this the 27 day of January, 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.


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