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AN AFFIDAVIT ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF CHHATTISGARH IN COMPLIANCE OF THE DIRECTIONS DT. 16.12.15

The Respondent most respectfully begs to submit as under:-

I, Sanjeev Beohar, son of late Shri.B.S.Beohar aged about 55 years, presently officiating as Superintending Engineer, Directorate of Urban Administration and Development, Government of Chhattisgarh, do hereby solemnly affirm as under:-

1. That the answering Respondents have duly examined the matters of stopping open dumping of municipal solid waste and, stopping of development activities around the trenching grounds, and respectfully wish to submit as follows:

   i. That answering Respondents entirely agree in principle that there should be no open dumping of municipal solid waste; in fact we now believe that there should not be (there need not be) any dumping in any form at all, whether open or in accordance with MSW Rules;

   ii. That all 168 municipalities in the State have been advised in this direction;

   iii. That there is yet no proven solution to disposal of municipal waste that is both, technically feasible and economically self-sustainable;

   iv. That the models of scientific disposal in large trenching grounds as mooted by service-providers in the market, purportedly in accordance with MSW Rules, 2000, are expensive methods whose efficacy is not entirely proved; these

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methods are largely contractor-friendly business models for solid waste management that need a re-look;

v. That for this reason various alternate solutions are in the incubation stage in various municipalities;

vi. That one such alternate solution is under trial since April 2015 in Ambikapur Municipal Corporation in Chhattisgarh (hereinafter called "Ambikapur model");

vii. That the Ambikapur model, prima facie, satisfies all the requirements of law and is well within the financial means of municipalities;

viii. That the model revolves around the truth that many types of municipal wastes are 'resource' if gathered and used within a critical time. The Ambikapur model uses up hundred percent of waste collected from homes, thus dispensing with the need for any dumping in any form;

ix. That the model is very cost-effective because it dispenses with the need for trenching ground and, consequently, the high costs of logistics involved for transportation of the waste to the trenching ground;

x. That the Ambikapur model has no role for contractors; it is based on the women SHG format and it has opened livelihood opportunities for hundreds of women;

That the Ambikapur model is a modular model revolving around a SLRM Work-shed (SLRM=Solid-Liquid Resource Management) and so can be replicated in any town irrespective of size by adjusting the number of modules;

2. That the answering Respondents has already taken a policy decision to undertake solid waste management according to the Ambikapur model in 156 (out of 168) municipalities in the State.

3. That the answering Respondents is also trying to get the Ambikapur model (after it stabilizes) studied and validated by an appropriate technical authority.

4. That once the incubation stage is over and the Ambikapur model is validated by an appropriate technical authority, there shall be no more need for dumping of garbage in any form in any trenching or other ground in any town in the State.

5. That once the trenching/dumping grounds are eliminated, the issue of stopping development activity around such grounds becomes redundant.

DEPONENT

I, Sanjeev Beohar, the abovenamed deponent do hereby verify that the contents of the Para 1 to 4 are true to my knowledge.

Verified today on this ...8...th day of January 2016 at Raipur (C.G.)

DEPONENT

For and On Behalf of the Respondents
SIDDHARTHA S. CHAUHAN
(Advocate)

THE DEPONENT SOLEMNLY AFFERMED BEFORE ME, THE DEPONENT READ OVER AND UNDERSTAND

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