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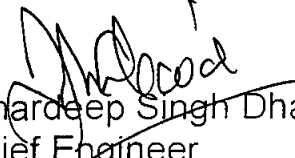
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I, the above named deponent do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-

1. That this Hon'ble Tribunal on 28.01.2016 has given an opportunity to the State to comment on the Prayer No.2 and 3 in this Application.
2. That the prayer no. 2 relates to status regarding open dumping of waste and prayer no.3 relates to Development activity around the landfill sites should be stopped and there should be a proper buffer zone in the Zonal/ master Plan itself.
3. That in compliance of the directions passed by the Hon'ble Tribunal, the reply is as under:

Reply to prayer no.2

The State is following a cluster approach whereby waste from all the cluster Urban Local Bodies is envisaged to be processed

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scientifically. The proposed technology is Waste to Energy, Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) and composting. The Cluster Plan has already been cleared by Hon'ble NGT. In compliance of the directions of Hon'ble NGT, one RDF plant has already been commissioned in Bathinda where open dumping does not happen now. A Waste to Energy Plant is also being set up in Bathinda for Bathinda Cluster. All the waste of Bathinda city and other 17 ULBs in the cluster is to be transported to this processing site and processed into RDF and power generation. Therefore, open dumping of waste in these 18 ULBs will not happen in due course. Timelines for other Cluster projects have been submitted to the Hon'ble Tribunal. It is envisaged that once all the 8 cluster processing plants get commissioned, open dumping will not happen in any of the Urban Local Bodies in the State.

Reply to prayer no.3

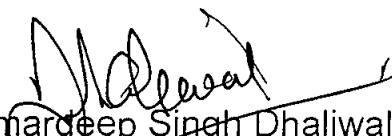
- I. Under the cluster program, already Environmental Clearance for project facilities has been obtained for Amrtisar, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Bathinda, Patiala, Ferozepur and SAS Nagar clusters. As per the terms and conditions of the Environmental Clearance, a green buffer of 15 meter is to be provided all around the boundary of the site. The same has already been provided in Bathinda and is being provided in other cluster processing sites as per the committed timelines.
- II. The buffer zone outside the boundary of site will also be notified in the Master Plans. A proposal along with status on ground in this regard has already been sought from the Urban

Amritsar

Local Bodies. The notification of buffer zone is to be done by Department of Housing and Urban Development in the State and the same shall be ensured.

4. That the State of Punjab is committed to the directions passed by the Hon'ble Tribunal in this application.

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