

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINICIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI
Original Application no. 199 of 2014**

Almitra H. Patel & ORS.

.....PETITIONER

Versus

The Union of India and ORS.

.....RESPONDENTS

And

Original Application No. 21(THC) of 2013

Davinder Kumar.

.....PETITIONER

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Affidavit of K A P Sinha, Secretary,
Department of Science, Technology and
Environment, Punjab, in compliance of
orders dated 13.07.2015 of the Hon'ble
Tribunal.

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

1. That the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal was pleased to pass an interim order dated 13.07.2015 in the above mentioned case, the relevant extract of which is reproduced below for kind perusal & reference.

“All the States should positively file their status report with regard to the collection, storage and disposal of Municipal Solid Waste in the entire state. Further they should clarify, if any, MSW disposal plant either RDF or Waste to Energy or any other more plants have been provided in the state or they are in the proposal stage in that behalf.”.

2. That in compliance of orders dated 13.07.2015 of this Hon'ble Tribunal, it is submitted that- there are 163 Urban Local Bodies in the State of Punjab which are generating Municipal Solid Waste to the tune of about 3900 Tonnes per day. The Government of Punjab has already formulated a State Level Municipal Solid Waste Management program for managing Municipal Solid Waste of all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) of Punjab (India) on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode for a concession period of 25 years. Under this management program, a State Level Municipal Solid Waste Model Plan has been prepared and entire State of Punjab has been divided into eight Municipal Solid Waste Clusters viz. i) Jalandhar Cluster, ii) Ludhiana Cluster, iii) Bathinda Cluster, iv) Ferozepur Cluster v) Patiala Cluster, vi) Amritsar

Cluster vii) Pathankot Cluster and viii) GMADA Cluster.

3. That all the Integrated Municipal Solid Waste Project Cluster sites mentioned at Para No. 2 will have separate sites for processing plant and Sanitary landfill. As per Punjab Model Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan-2014, each processing plant will have compost plant, RDF plant and Waste to Energy facility. The remaining inert waste i.e. rejects from processing plant will be sent to the Engineered Sanitary Landfill sites.
4. That out of two existing treatment facilities provided in the State, one plant set up at Village Pandori Mehtama, Sham Chaurassi, Distt. Hoshiarpur is working successfully. This Common processing plant is based upon anaerobic Microbial Composting Technology (Vermi-compost) for treatment of the waste generated from Municipal Council, Adampur; Municipal Council, Alawalpur; Municipal Council, Shamchurassi and Air Force Station, Adampur. The other plant set up at Village Waryana, Kapurthala Road, Jalandhar in the year 2002 is based on Aerobic Microbial Composting Technology for processing of the waste generated from the Jalandhar city. However, presently, the said plant is not being operated.
5. That with regard to status of setting up of the Integrated Municipal Solid Waste plants in the State it is submitted that the work for the Bathinda Cluster is at advance stage of completion and even trials for composting have already been taken. At Ludhiana Cluster site, some part of machinery like trommels have already been set up for segregation of the waste. Environmental clearance as required under EIA notification dated 14.09.2006 has been granted to the Integrated Municipal Solid Waste

Management Facilities to be set up at GMADA (SAS Nagar), Patiala, Jalandhar, Amritsar and Ferozepur. Regarding Pathankot cluster, the site is yet to be finalized by the Local Body.

6. That all the ULBs collect and transport their waste to the dumping sites every day. No ULB has started the work of segregation of waste.
7. That all the 163 ULBs have provided Municipal Solid Waste dumping sites for disposal of waste and out of which 23 ULBs have got their sites approved from the District level Committee.
8. That with regard to compliance of Common Action Plan (CAP) prepared for the management of Municipal Solid Waste and agreed by the Department of Local Government and Punjab Pollution Control Board for implementation and monitoring, respectively, till the setting up of Cluster sites, it is submitted that out of 163 ULBs, 12 ULBs are complying with all ten points of CAP, 88 ULBs are partially complying and remaining 63 ULBs are yet not complying.
9. That the Punjab Pollution Control Board, during the last one year, on the basis of reports received from the Regional Offices, has issued show-cause notices for violation of the provisions of the Municipal Solid Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2000 alongwith an opportunity of personal hearing to 58 ULBs and the Board has also initiated legal action against the responsible Officers of 15 ULBs under the provisions of E(P) Act, 1986 for non-compliance and violation of the provisions of Municipal Solid Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 2000.

10. That the Punjab Pollution Control Board and the Department of Science, Technology and Environment are sincerely making all out efforts for the effective implementation of the provisions of Municipal Solid Wastes (Management & Handling) Rules, 2000 in the State of Punjab and making sincere endeavour to eradicate pollution arising from the disposal of Municipal Solid Waste by preventing and controlling the same.
11. That as far as detailed status report regarding the collection, storage and disposal of Municipal Solid Waste in the entire State of Punjab is concerned, the status report filed by the Local Government, Punjab may kindly be perused.
12. That the status report in compliance of order dated 13.07.2015 of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal is hereby submitted for the kind perusal, consideration & appropriate orders of this Hon'ble Tribunal.

Dated:

Place: Chandigarh

Deponent

Verification:

Verified that the contents of the above affidavit mentioned in paras no. 1 to 11 are true and correct to my knowledge as derived from the official record. The contents of para no. 12 are a Prayer. No part of the above affidavit is false and nothing material has been kept concealed therein.

Dated:

Place: Chandigarh

Deponent