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**ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON BEHALF OF STATE OF TRIPURA**

I, Shailendra Singh, Resident Commissioner, Tripura Bhawan, Kautilya Marg, Chanakya Puri, New Delhi, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as under:

1. That I am the Resident Commissioner of the State of Tripura and am posted at the Tripura Bhawan at New Delhi. I am authorized to swear this affidavit on behalf of the State of Tripura.
2. That I have read and understood the contents of the aforesaid Original Application as well as the List of dates. This affidavit has been prepared on the basis of the instructions received from the Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Government of Tripura, hence I am competent to swear this affidavit.
3. It is respectfully submitted that the State Government is making necessary efforts to enforce and implement all the provisions of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 without further delay. In compliance with the direction of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Tripura State Pollution Control Board is also preparing an action plan for implementation and effective management of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 from collection to the final Disposal. Apart from this, TSPCB has awarded a project to the National Institute of Technology, Agartala for making assessment of solid waste.

4. That it is further submitted that in regard to establishment and operationalization of plants for processing and disposal of the wastes, it is relevant to mention here that the Agartala Municipal Corporation has already setup and operating one compost plant of 250 MT/day capacity at Debendra Chandra Nagar for processing and disposal of solid waste. Apart from this, the Khowai Municipal Council has also setup a small capacity waste processing facilities (0.40 MTPD) in their landfill side. Whereas the waste management and other facilities for waste processing and disposal is satisfactory. However, it is further submitted that the rest of the urban bodies could not set up waste processing and disposal facilities in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
5. That vide letter No. F.13 (10)/ TSPCB/3646-69 dated June 27, 2016; all the Urban Local bodies including Urban Development Department, Government of Tripura have been informed regarding strict implementation of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016. Moreover, Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 has also been uploaded in TPSCB's website for wide circulation among the people. Further, all the possible efforts have been made by the TSPCB to perform the statutory obligation/duties as defined under the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
6. That it is further submitted that there is no such waste to energy recovery plant established in Tripura so far as the records of TPSCB are concerned. However, adequate segregation of waste materials is insisted upon.
7. That almost all the landfill sites of urban local bodies are having buffer zone in and around their landfill sites. But, no green belt has been developed surrounding the periphery of landfill sites except few

natural plantations. However, TPSCB may insist to all Urban Local Bodies for horticultural beautification for all the landfill sites.

8. That it is further mentioned that there is no such power plant to use RDF as fuel. Whereas all the power plants in Tripura are gas based thermal power plant. However, TPSCB may request the appropriate Department of State Government for creation of market for consumption of RDF.
9. That part segregation is being done before land filling. But tipping fee is not yet been introduced as far as the records of TPSCB is concerned.
10. That in Tripura, Agartala Municipal Corporation is segregating the bio-degradable waste for their compost plant. The non-biodegradable wastes are being disposed off into the landfill sites. Though the segregation of bio degradable and non bio degradable waste including inert waste and C & D waste are not properly practiced in other urban local bodies but efforts are made to ensure proper segregation and awareness.
11. That, efforts are being made to prevent leachate contamination. In order to reduce the methane generation, necessary steps would be taken shortly. The stabilized waste as generated from compost plant are being sold as organic manure. That, inert and rejects as generated during sorting are kept stored separately to reduce landfill volume.
12. It is submitted that from the records, it is observed that utilization of non-biodegradable waste and recyclable plastic in the construction of roads and embankments is not yet practiced, however efforts for the same is being made by TPSCB.

13. That necessary initiative has been taken by the TSPCB to create mass awareness among the people for segregation of domestic hazardous waste like fluorescent tubes, bulbs, batteries, electronic items, syringe, expired medicines and such other allied items for scientific disposal in environmental sound manner.
14. That, open burning of waste is prohibited in the State of Tripura. Even the officials of TSPCB are regularly conducting inspection to the landfill sites so as to keep vigilance on open burning. Even no incident regarding illegal and unauthorized burning of solid wastes is reported before the TSPCB.
15. It is respectfully submitted that the directions contained in the judgment and the obligations contained under the Rules of 2016 is not yet been published. Though the judgment of the Hon'ble Tribunal will be published soon in the local language.
16. That, the Hon'ble Tribunal has also directed that every Advisory Committee in the State shall also act as a Monitoring Committee for proper implementation of these directions and the Rules of 2016. It is respectfully submitted that the State Level Advisory Body has not yet been constituted by the State Government. The process for setting up of State Level Advisory Body is in progress and the same shall be completed very soon.
17. It is submitted that there are 4 (four) Urban Local Bodies under West Tripura District namely (1) Agartala Municipal Corporation, (2) Mohanpur Municipal Council, (3) Ranirbazar Municipal Council and (4) Jirania Nagar Panchayat.

Average daily generation of Municipal Solid Waste under the above said four Urban Local Bodies are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Urban Local Body	Average quantity of Municipal generated solid wastes
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1	Agartala Nunicipal Corporation	150-160 MT
2	Mohanpur Municipal Council	6-8 MT
3	Ranir Bazar Municipal Council	6-8 MT
4	Jirania Nagar Panchayat	5-6 MT

18. It is to mention here that the Agartala Municipal Corporation has set up a Solid Waste Management SWM Plant with Sanitary Land Fill at Debendra Chandra Nagar with the capacity of 250 MT per day. As the total Municipal Solid Waste generated under all the above said 4 (four) Urban Local Bodies is less than 200 MT per day, it has been decided that all the above said four Urban Local Bodies shall bring their Municipal Solid Waste to the Solid Waste Management Plant at D.C. Nagar, Agartala by way of Modern Garbage Compactors.
19. It is to mention that all the 4 (four) Urban Bodies in West Tripura District have been provided with modern Garbage Compactors with 8 MT Capacity to transport Municipal Solid Waste to the SWM Plant at D.C. Nagar, Agartala. The SWM Plant at DC Nagar, Agartala is under operation since one year and generating compost out of Municipal Solid Waste. There is a sanitary land fill attached to this SWM Plant for safe disposal of remaining municipal solid waste which is non Bio-degradable. Also there is Plastic Plant and Eco-brick plant attached to this SWM Plant at DC Nagar in which all types of plastic collected and transported to this plant is converted to fine granules which are sold in the market. Overall in West Tripura district Municipal Solid Waste is collected, transported and processed as per the MSW Rules, 2000.
20. That the facts stated in the above affidavit are true to my knowledge derived from the official records and no part of the same is false and nothing material has been concealed there from.

DEPONENT

VERIFICATION:

I the above named deponent do hereby verify that the facts stated in the above affidavit are true to my knowledge derived from official records, which I believe to be true. No part of it is false and nothing material is concealed there from.

Verified at New Delhi on this the      day of February, 2017.

DEPONENT