BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 199/2014

IN THE MATTER OF:

ALMITRA H. PATEL & ANOTHER

... Petitioners

Versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

... Respondents

AND

IN THE MATTER OF:

Affidavit in compliance of the order dated 12-01-2017 and 20-01-2017 by the Department of Urban Development & Housing, Government of Arunachal Pradesh

AFFIDAVIT

I, Jigmi Choden, Additional Resident Commissioner, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Arunachal Bhawan, New Delhi do hereby solemnly affirm on oath as under:-

- 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.
- 4. That over the years, there has been a continuous and rapid migration of people from rural and semi-rural areas to town and

city. As per Census 2011 the total population of Arunachal Pradesh is 13,82,611, of this, the rural population is 10,69,476 and the urban population is 3,13,135. The proportion of population residing in urban areas has increased from 20.75% in 2001 to 22.67% in 2011 in the State. The uncontrolled growth in urban areas has left many towns of the State deficient in infrastructure services such as water, supply sewerage and municipal solid waste management. The increase in urbanization and spurt in consumerism has resulted in an increase in generation of municipal solid waste (MSW) which is a major environmental issue. Concerted efforts have been made by Government Bodies / Local Bodies/Non-Government Organizations to address to this issue. The Urban Local Bodies/District Urban Development Agencies are responsible for collection, segregation, storage, transportation, processing and disposal of MSW.

5. The rapid growth in production of MSW has not been matched by development of the organization capabilities of the ULBs leading to severe strain on them and deficiencies in the execution of this vital function. There is now a need to have an integrated approach involving all the stakeholders (Government Agencies, Private Parties, Non-Formal Sector, Waste Producers, Public, Households, Corporate and Institutions etc.) to tackle this huge pile of MSW before it suffocates our cities and towns.

6. There are 33 notified urban centres at present in the State which are:

1. Tawang	2. Dirang	3. Bomdila	4. Seppa
5. Itanagar	6. Naharlagun	7. Sagalee	8. Palin
9. Koloriang	10. Ziro	11. Daporijo	12. Dumporijo
13. Basar	14. Aalo	15. Yingkiong	16. Mariyang

17. Boleng	18. Pasighat	19. Anini	20. Roing
21. Hawai	22. Tezu	23. Namsai	24. Changlang
25. Jairampur	26. Miao	27. Khonsa	28. Deomali
29. Longding	30. Kimin	31. Raga	32. Pangin
33. Doimuk			

- 7. The State Government had already constructed integrated scientific sanitary MSW 50 MT capacity treatment plant at Itanagar and scientific sanitary landfills of MSW at Changlang, Jairampur and Roing with funding from the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India. The integrated plants for Bomdila, Basar and Daporijo towns are under construction and progressing at advance stage. The treatment plants currently in operation in the State are primarily for composting waste to manure rather than making to refuse derived fuel.
- 8. The State Level Advisory Committee for Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) has already approved for release of fund to ULBs/DUDAs for door to door collection of MSW and to create social awareness about segregation of bio-degradable and non-degradable waste at source. As a result littering of waste in and around the town has been relatively checked. In addition, the Government has issued directives to the ULBs and DUDAs to strictly adhered to the doctrine of sustainable development in its true spirit by ensuring safe collection of solid waste while implementing developmental projects in the districts. In the mean time few more proposals for establishment of treatment plants in phased manner have been initiated for approval and sanctioning of the Government.

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