

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPALBENCH, NEW DELHI.**

(Through Physical Hearing with Hybrid VC Option)

M.A No. 71/2023
In
Original Application No. 186/2022

Rajesh Kumar

Applicant

Versus

State of Punjab

Respondent

Date of hearing: 01.09.2023

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant : None

Respondent(s): None

Application is registered based on a letter petition received by Post.

ORDER

1. Mr. Rajesh Kumar resident of H.No. M3/538, S.D School street, Guru Ram Dass Nagar, Tehsil and District Amritsar filed O.A. no. 186 of 2022 complaining that hospitals situated in Pathankot, particulars of which were mentioned in Annexure 'A' to the application are illegally and unscientifically disposing of bio-medical waste into the streets, roads and vacant land in violation of the Bio-medical Waste Management Rules 2016 thereby causing grave risks to human health and environmental degradation.

2. In view of the grievances made in the application, a Joint Committee was constituted by this Tribunal vide order dated 20.04.2022 which submitted its report vide email dated 18.08.2022. This Tribunal noted the factual observations and recommendations made by the Joint Committee and disposed of the application with the following directions:

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PPCB is directed to dispose of all applications for renewal pending before it and also take appropriate remedial action for closure and imposition of environmental compensation against non-compliant operators/defaulters within two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and send compliance report by e-mail at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Supported PDF and not in the form of Image PDF to learned Registrar General of this Tribunal, who may direct listing of the matter before this Tribunal for further directions, if so considered to be necessary.

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3. In compliance thereof, Punjab State Pollution Control Board has filed report vide email dated 22.02.2023.
4. Due to the report filed being materially deficient, the matter has been listed before this Tribunal under the orders of learned Register General.
5. Notice be issued to Punjab State Pollution Control Board requiring the same to file Action Taken/Status Report with regard to compliance with the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016 in Pathankot by the Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facility Operator and all the Health Care Facilities operation in Pathankot within two months at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR supported PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.
6. List for further consideration on 30.11.2023.
7. A copy of this order be forwarded to the Member Secretary, Punjab State Pollution Control Board by e-mail for compliance.

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM