

Item No.10:-

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI**

(Through Video Conference)

Original Application No.07 of 2024 (SZ)

IN THE MATTER OF:

Tandur Citizens Welfare Society
Telangana

...Applicant (s)

Versus

The Collector
Collectorate of Vikarabad,
Burgupally and Ors.

...Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 18.09.2024.



CORAM:

HON'BLE Smt. JUSTICE PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE Dr. SATYAGOPAL KORLAPATI, EXPERT MEMBER

For Applicant (s): M/s. Swaminathan Law Associates,
T. Hemalatha, T. Prabakar, P.R.S. Tamizhmaran,
M. Prabhakar, K. Karthick Priya and N. Jayashree.

For Respondent(s): Mr. Mohamed Aathic represented
Mrs. H. Yasmeen Ali for R1, R2, R5 & R6.
Ms. Kavitha Renjini represented
Mr. T. Sai Krishnan for R3.
Mrs. P. Jayalakshmi represented
Mr. D.S. Ekambaram for R4.

ORDER

1. The report of the Telangana SPCB and the Commissioner – Tandur Municipality are filed.

2. The Telangana SPCB has stated that during the inspection, it was observed that sewage from the Kokat Village is entering into the Kagna River near the Kokat bridge.

3. In this regard, the Telangana SPCB also addressed a letter to the Panchayat Secretary – Kokat Village on 27.02.2024 with a copy to the District Panchayat Officer, Vikarabad District for taking necessary action. The water sample analysis was also given. As per the CPCB water quality criteria classification, the river comes under '*Class D*', which is useful for the '*Propagation of wildlife and fisheries*'. The Telangana SPCB also observed the sewage from the Old Tandur area, Hussain Colony entering into Kagna River at downstream of the check dam.

4. In response to the communication from the Telangana SPCB, the Panchayat Secretary – Kokat Village has sent a letter dated 03.08.2024 stating that they have constructed two tail-end soak pits to prevent the domestic sewage from joining the Kagna River which is submerged due to silt. Further, it was informed that it was reconstructed to prevent sewage from joining the Kagna River.

5. In the report of the Commissioner – Tandur Municipality, it is stated that the Government has taken up the project for purification of drain water of Tandur town at four

points viz., (i) Golla Cheruvu, (ii) Pathakunta, (iii) Chiluku Vagu and (iv) at railway under bridge at Old Tandur towards Narayanapur.

6. The project report is sent for the Government approval and as and when the amount is sanctioned, the project will be taken up without any delay. However, the above-referred project only relates to storm water drains and does not address the issue of sewage management or Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). The Tandur Municipality has only stated that it is taking every step for the installation of the STP and making efforts to get sanction from the Government for the installation of plants.

7. When the STPs are not installed in the Kokat village, the Tandur Municipality has to take emergent steps to address the issue.

8. When the Telangana SPCB specifically found that the sewage water was mixing with the Kagna River, no action was taken against the Tandur Municipality in this regard. The Telangana SPCB has not even issued the show cause notice that will be normally issued.

9. We once again direct the Commissioner – Tandur Municipality and also the District Collector – Vikarabad to file a detailed report regarding the action to be taken in this regard, failing which, they may suffer the imposition of environmental compensation. If the Telangana SPCB has not taken any action, it will be viewed very seriously.

10. Post the matter on 03.12.2024.

Sd/-
Smt. Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana, JM

Sd/-
Dr. Satyagopal Korlapati, EM

O.A. No.07/2024 (SZ)
18th September, 2024. Mn.

