

Item No.08:-

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

[Through Physical Hearing (Hybrid Option)]

Original Application No.07 of 2024 (SZ)

IN THE MATTER OF:

Tandur Citizens Welfare Society,
Telangana.

...Applicant(s)

With

The Collector,
The Collector of Vikarabad,
Burgupally and ors.

...Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 19.11.2025.



CORAM:

HON'BLE Smt. JUSTICE PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE DR. PRASHANT GARGAVA, EXPERT MEMBER

For Applicant(s):

M/s. Swaminathan Law Associates,
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For Respondent(s):

Mrs. H. Yasmeen Ali for R1, R2, R5 & R6.
Mr. T. Sai Krishnan for R3.
Mr. D.S. Ekambaram for R4.

ORDER

1. It appears that no progress has been made since the last date of hearing.

2. The report submitted by the District Collector, Vikarabad District, dated 07.10.2025, indicates that tenders were issued for the construction of STPs in 101 Urban Local Bodies across Telangana, including Tandur Municipality. As no bidders responded to the first tender call, a second call was issued, which also received no response. A third tender was floated on 02.04.2025, but again, no bidders participated.

3. In view of the above, the District Collector has addressed a communication to the Engineer-in-Chief, Public Health, Hyderabad, requesting that tenders be invited in three packages amounting to Rs. 3705.75 Crores.

4. Today, the learned counsel for the State of Telangana submitted that the lack of bidders is attributable to the large financial outlay.

5. It appears that none of the authorities have undertaken adequate due diligence in this regard, despite the lapse of more than a year. It would have been appropriate for the authorities to consider alternatives, such as issuing tenders district-wise or inviting bids from agencies outside the State.

6. We express our complete dissatisfaction with the approach of the authorities, as no meaningful steps have been taken to address the issue. If the matter is not resolved expeditiously, we will be constrained to invoke our powers under Section 28 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

7. In the meantime, the report of the Telangana State Pollution Control Board dated 29.11.2024 contains certain recommendations of the Task Force Committee addressed to the Commissioner, Tandur Municipality, Vikarabad District. As per the recommendations, the Municipality shall ensure that no untreated sewage is discharged into the Kagna River or Kolla Cheruvu under any circumstances.

8. The Telangana PCB has sought a time-bound action plan within one week for the construction of the STP for sewage treatment from Tandur Municipality. The Task Force Committee has also recommended that the Gram Panchayat construct individual household soak pits and the community soak pits at the earliest.

9. However, even after the lapse of one year, no follow-up action taken by the Telangana PCB, as the regulatory body, has been reported.

10. It appears that the Telangana PCB is also not treating the matter with the seriousness it deserves, which amounts to dereliction of duty. In fact, instead of soak pits, phytoremediation has already been tested by NEERI in locations where STPs are

delayed, and NEERI has found the discharge of grey water into water bodies post-phytoremediation to be permissible. When such an alternative is available with the Government, persisting solely with repeated tender calls that fail to attract bidders amounts to unwarranted procrastination.

11. Accordingly, we direct the Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration Department, Government of Telangana, to file a detailed response along with an action plan before the next date of hearing.

12. Similarly, the Telangana SPCB is directed to file a report on the follow-up actions taken pursuant to its report dated 29.11.2024. If the reports are not filed on the date adjourned, we will be constrained to summon the Member Secretary as well as the Chairman of the Telangana SPCB to appear in person.

13. Let the matter be listed on **09.02.2026**.

Sd/-
Smt. Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana, JM

Sd/-
Dr. Prashant Gargava, EM

**O.A. No.07/2024 (SZ),
19th November, 2025. AD.**