

Registry is directed to communicate said order dated 24.09.2010 and today's order to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam so that he may submit Status Report with reference to the present condition of the Deepor Beel Wet Land situated in Assam by making necessary answer of the following points:

- i) Whether any municipal solid waste is being dumped to the said wet land;
- ii) Whether any construction activities are going on in and around Deepor Beel Wet Land or is going to be made;
- iii) Whether the respondent nos. 5 and 6, Guwahati Metropolitan Development Authority and the Guwahati Municipal Corporation respectively are following the rules regarding Municipal Solid Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000 and Wet Land (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2010 strictly with respect to Deepor Beel Wet Land situated in Assam.

The applicant has referred to sub Rule 1 (iv) of Rule 4 as set out below:-

"4. Restrictions on activities within wet lands-

- (i) to (iii) -
- (iv) *solid waste dumping: Provided that the existing practices, if any, existed before the commencement of these rules shall be phased out within a period not exceeding from the date of commencement of these rules;"*

Implementation Schedule:-

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Compliance Criteria</i>	<i>Schedule</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>Setting up of Waste Processing and Disposal facilities</i>	<i>By 31.12.2003 or earlier</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>Monitoring the performance of Waste Processing and Disposal facilities</i>	<i>Once in six months</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>Improvement of existing landfill sites as per provisions of these rules</i>	<i>By 31.12.2001 or earlier</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>Identification of landfill sites for future use and making site(s) ready for operation</i>	<i>By 31.12.2002 or earlier</i>

Having regard to the said rule, the respondent nos. 5 and 6 and the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam are directed to highlight that issue also in their reply.

Registry is directed to communicate this order to the respondent nos. 2 to 6.

Let reply be filed by all the respondents within 4 weeks and the rejoinder thereto two weeks thereafter.

It is made clear that the direction is peremptory as the issue relates to environmental and ecological.

Stand over to 05.12.2014

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Justice Pratap Kumar Ray, JM

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Prof. (Dr.) P. C. Mishra, EM

