

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, WESTERN ZONE
BENCH, PUNE**

APPLICATION NO.46/2013 (WZ)

Dr.Udaykumar Vasantrao Jagtap Vs Saswad Mun. Council & Ors

CORAM: HON'BLE MR JUSTICE V.R. KINGAONKAR, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. AJAY A. DESHPANDE, EXPERT MEMBER

Present: Applicant/ Appellant : In person
Respondent No.1 : Ajay Gadegaonkar Adv
Respondent No.3 : D.M.Gupte Adv
Respondent No.4 : Manda Gaikwad Adv

Date and Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
Item No.6 February 4, 2014 Order No.2	<p>We have heard the Applicant in person, we have also heard learned Counsel for Respondent No.1, Respondent No.3 and 4.</p> <p>We have gone through the Affidavits filed by Respondent No.3 as well as by the Respondent No.1. According to the Respondent No.1, the matter is being considered by the Urban Development Department of State and Centre to sanction funds for implementation of a scheme of Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UDSSIM). The Counsel for Respondent No.1 submits that a part of the procedure is completed. He has pointed out that some other land is being made available for establishment of new STP.</p> <p>The Applicant has placed on record certain documents. The documents prima facie show that there is contamination of water which is used for Hirapur and Jejuri and is drawn from the dam called "Jejuri Dam". It appears prima facie that the contamination is caused due to discharge of domestic sewage discharge in the river by Saswad Municipal Council. It prima facie appears that there is a STP at Saswad but the same is not in use. We are told that area of the STP available is approximate 1 acre or more. We do not know why the STP is abandoned and is not brought to the re-use.</p> <p>The learned Counsel for the Respondent No.1 on instruction, of the Chief Officer who is present, states that the existing STP will be brought to re-use as early as possible. He states that the Municipal Council will require eight (8) weeks' time for the same purpose. We grant four (4) weeks' time to complete the process and if so required, we direct MPCB to depute a responsible officer for joint visit along with Chief Officer, immediately in next three (3) days and to give valid suggestions for the urgent revival of the STP with austerity and to avoid</p>

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delay. The Municipal Council may re-locate the machinery if it is placed elsewhere and may bring it to the re-use, may repair the defunct machinery, may re-cycle and re-use the parts which are lying in rusted and unused position and do the revival at the earliest so that the STP is made functional to cater the present needs. The progress of the work shall be reported after two (2) weeks. The Municipal Council has stated that the Municipal Solid Waste Treatment Plant is now at the stage of completion and the location is at "Kumbhar-valan" which is about 5 k.m. from Saswad. It is stated that land has been acquired for such purpose. The description is also given in the reply Affidavit. The Municipal Council shall complete the remaining 10 per cent work on priority and ensure that the MSW processing plant is commissioned within period of three (3) months here after. The progress report in this behalf also be given by the next date.

Stand over to 7th March 2014.

....., JM
(Justice V. R. Kingaonkar)

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(Dr.Ajay A. Deshpande)

