BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

Appeal No. 67/2015

M.A. Nos. 652/2015 & 653/2015

Apex Chambers of Commerce and Industries of N.C.T. of Delhi & Ors. Vs. Government of NCT Delhi & Ors.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE U.D. SALVI, JUDICIAL MEMBER HON'BLE MR. RANJAN CHATTERJEE, EXPERT MEMBER

Present: Applicant/Appellant(s)

Date

Remarks

Item No. 10 August 12,

2015

:Mr. Pinaki Mishra, Sr. Adv. with Mr. Pradeep Kumar, Advs.
:Mr. Narender Pal Singh, Adv. Mr. Dinesh Jindal, Law Officer
:Mr. A. Kr. Prasad, Adv.
:Ms. Ranjana Roy, Mr. Tushar, Advs.
:Mr. Moni Chinmay, Adv.
:Ms. Puja Kalra, Adv.

Respondent No. 1to3

Respondent No. 4 Respondent No. 6 Respondent No. 8 North MCD

and

Heard. Perused.

Learned Counsel appearing for the appellant – industrial units submits that the order of the rejection of the applications for permission to extract ground water by the District Advisory Committee for ground water regulation and management vide minutes of the meeting dated 3.8.2015 cannot be read as rejection of the applications on merits. According to him, the District Advisory Committee has in fact deferred the decision on the said individual applications to the time when the Government decides the criteria to be adopted to analyze feasibility of extraction of water by water intensive industries.

Orders of the Tribunal

Learned Counsel appearing for the DSIIDC submitted that the waterline has been provided to each of the units in the said industrial area situated in Narela and Bawana and about 3.2 mld & 4.5 mld water is daily being supplied to Narela and Bawana respectively. It is further revealed that none of the borewells have flow meters to measure the amount of water extracted and the ground water level in the said areas has gone down.

In such circumstances, we feel that the Government should take appropriate decision for fixing a criteria to be adopted for analyzing the feasibility of the request made by the units of such kind, particularly the water intensive industries, and take an appropriate decision as regards installation of flow meters on the borewell for measuring the extraction of ground water and decide the extent to which the ground water can be drawn in the given area. The Government shall also decide the charges for the ground water extraction. Time sought for taking appropriate decision in the matter. Time granted for taking appropriate decision. No coercive action be taken till the next date. List this matter on 30th September, 2015.

U.D. Salvi)

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