BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

Original Application No. 277 of 2013 (M.A. No. 214 of 2016 & M.A. No. 823 of 2016)

Dr. Irfan Ahmad & Ors. Vs. Mr. Nawang Rigzin Jora & Ors.

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SWATANTER KUMAR, CHAIRPERSON **CORAM:** HON'BLE MR. BIKRAM SINGH SAJWAN, EXPERT MEMBER

Present: Amicus Curie: Mr. Narender Pal Singh, Adv.

and

Date

MoUD :Mr. B.V. Niren, Adv. with Mr. S.N. Jha, Adv. **CPCB**

: Mr. Rajkumar, Adv. with Mr. Bhupender

Kumar, LA

G. M. Kawoosa and M. A. Kirmani, Adv., Mr. Hirdesh Kumar, comm./ Secy, Mr. Abdul Qasim, Jt. Comm. And Mr. Manzoor Ahmed,

CSO

Mr. Vikash Malhotra, Adv. for MoEF

Orders of the Tribunal

| Remarks | |
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| Item No. 01 | The Tribunal has received a mail from Professor A.R. |
| January 24, 2017 | Yusuf, Former Expert Member of this Tribunal, which |
| ss | points out serious deficiencies existing on the Sanitary |
| | Landfill Site at Srinagar. The report has also been |
| VA | submitted by the team appointed in terms of the order of |
| 0 | the Tribunal dated 06th December, 2016, even this report |
| 1 5 | placed before the Tribunal is unsigned by any member of |
| | the Committee. |
| - No. 1 | The report again points out serious environmental |
| 3 | issues in regard to the site in question. Even the facility |
| | for testing the groundwater was found to be defunct. It is |
| | shocking state of affairs. We have been accommodating |
| | Government of Jammu & Kashmir now for more than a |
| | year and half. They have not been able to finalize any |
| | stakeholder for establishment of a Municipal Solid Waste |
| | Plant in any of its responses and the sanitary landfill site |
| | is causing serious environmental human health and |
| | groundwater pollution problems. The State is obligated to |
| | remedy the same but they have failed in this as the matter |
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Item No. 01 January 24, 2017 is being dealt with since 2013 and the Judgment passed by the Tribunal on 15th January, 2017. This state of affair cannot be permitted to continue any longer.

Thus, we direct the State Government that within one week from today it will bring complete and comprehensive action plan to ensure handing of municipal solid waste in accordance with Solid Waste Management Rules 2016. The State is entitled to have its opinion with regard to stakeholders who would establish Waste to Energy or Waste to Bio-methane and RDF to Power Plants. The joint inspection team shall be provided with complete facility and it will be ensured that the team is able to take groundwater samples from and around the sanitary landfill site of Srinagar. Samples will also be taken from Anchar Lake. The analysis will be done at the laboratory of the Jammu & Kashmir Pollution Control Board, National Institute of Technology, Srinagar and Central Pollution Control Board. The sample taken shall be divided into three different portions simultaneously and analysis reports be submitted to the Tribunal positively before the next date of hearing.

List this matter on 10th February, 2017.

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