

ITEM NO.1

COURT NO.4

SECTION PIL-W

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s).4677/1985

M.C.MEHTA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(In RE.: SEALING ISSUE)

- (1) IA NOS. 2069-2069A (APPLNS. FOR DIRECTIONS)
- (2) IA NO. 2180 (APPLN. FOR DIRECTIONS)
- (3) IA NOS. 2181 -2182 (APPLNS. FOR QUASHMENT OF ORDINANCE DT. 15.9.2007 AND IMPLEADMENT)
- (4) IA NO. 2256 (APPLN. FOR DIRECTIONS)
- (5) IA NO. 2331 (APPLN. FOR CHALLENGING THE NOTIFICATIONS DT. 16.6.2008 AND 12.8.2008)
- (6) IA NO. 2441 (APPLN. FOR DIRECTIONS)
- (7) IA NO. 43487/2018 (APPLN. FOR DIRECTIONS ON B/O GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI)
- (8) IA NO. 45330/2018 (APPLN. FOR STAY ON B/O DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY)
- (9) REPORT NO. 114 SUBMITTED BY MONITORING COMMITTEE
- (10) REPORT NO. 115 SUBMITTED BY MONITORING COMMITTEE REGARDING NON-COOPERATION AND NON-PROVISION OF POLICE FORCE FOR SEALING OPERATIONS.
- (11) REPORT NO. 116 SUBMITTED BY MONITORING COMMITTEE

WITH W.P.(C) No. 144/2009 (PIL-W)

W.P.(C) No. 212/2008 (PIL-W)

W.P.(C) No. 266/2006 (PIL-W)

W.P.(C) No. 263/2006 (PIL-W)

W.P.(C) No. 229/2008 (PIL-W)

W.P.(C) No. 264/2006 (PIL-W)

SLP(C) No. 10599/2007 (XIV)

W.P.(C) No. 450/2006 (PIL-W)

W.P.(C) No. 464/2006 (PIL-W)

W.P.(C) No. 470/2006 (PIL-W)

S.L.P.(C)...CC No. 14752-14753/2012 (XIV)

W.P.(C) No. 569/2006 (PIL-W)

W.P.(C) No. 563/2006 (PIL-W)

W.P.(C) No. 610/2006 (PIL-W)

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Status of Ground Water

Status of ground water levels has been filed by the Central Ground Water Board in compliance with the order dated 24.04.2018. The Report is of May, 2018.

A perusal of the Report, which needs to be studied in greater depth, indicates an extremely sad state of affairs.

The conclusion given is as follows:

"Analysis of long term water level data of May 2000 to present period of May 2017 reveals that over the period, in areas categorized as Over Exploited as per Ground Water Resources Estimation of 2013, mostly in South, South East, New Delhi, East, North, North East, and also parts of West & South West district of Delhi State, water level declined rate varied from 0.5 m/year to more than 2 m/year at places. There are some pockets, where change in water level is not significant or remained unchanged. Such pockets of shallow and rising water level areas are diminishing over the period. As such, major part of State is under Overexploited and Semi Critical category and in such areas water levels are showing persistent declining trend during last two decades."

It is quite clear that there is over-exploitation of

ground water in South District, New Delhi District, South East District, East District, Shahadara, North East District and almost rest of Delhi is in a semi-critical state. There are only some pockets in West District and Central District which appear to be safe as of now.

We can only urge the concerned authorities dealing with governance of Delhi to look into the Report of the Central Ground Water Board to avoid a water crisis.

The Secretary in the Ministry of Water Resources of the Government of India and the Delhi Government as well as the Delhi Pollution Control Committee should tell us about one week before the next date of hearing of the possible solutions

This Report will be taken up for further consideration on 11th July, 2018.

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