

BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, CENTRAL ZONAL BENCH, BHOPAL

Original Application No. 01/13 (P.B. No. 73/2012 THC)

Centre for Environment Protection, Research & Development Vs. State of M.P. & Others.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DALIP SINGH, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. P.S.RAO, EXPERT MEMBER

PRESENT : Applicant : None appeared
Respondent No. 1, 3 & 5 : Shri Sachin K.Verma, Adv.
Shri Ayush Dev Bajpai, Adv.
Respondent No. 2 : Shri Deepesh Joshi, Adv.
Ms. Anjum Feroz, Adv.
Respondent No. 6 : Shri O.S.Shrivastav, Adv.
Respondent No. 7 : Shri Sandeep Singh, Adv.
Shri R.S.Kori, Zonal Officer

Date and Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
<p>Item No. 01 11th October, 2013</p>	<p>In pursuance of our directions dated 07.10.2013, the MP Pollution Control Board and the State Government have submitted affidavits, respectively.</p> <p>Shri Sachin K.Verma, Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent State Government on the basis of the additional affidavit and supporting documents, has sought to submit that a meeting was held on 09.10.2013 which was attended by the Principal Secretary, Industries; Principal Secretary, Forest; Secretary, Mining; Commissioner, Urban Administration and Development Department; Commissioner, Transport; Chief Engineer, Public Health and Engineering Department; Zonal Officer, MoEF, Bhopal and Chairperson, MPPCB. The aforesaid meeting was held at Bhopal and certain decisions on the 26 points of Long Term Action Plant on which action is required to be taken for improvement of the environment and reducing the pollution in and around the city of Indore in Madhya Pradesh, which were highlighted in the Joint Meeting of the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Govt. of India held at Delhi on 20.08.2013 and 23.09.2013 was required to be considered and specific steps in that behalf to be taken.</p> <p>While from the aforesaid additional affidavit and the supporting documents, we find that certain decisions have been taken in the meeting but in</p>

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fact Shri Sachin K.Verma has been unable to place any document before us on behalf of the State Government whether necessary financial sanctions in respect of the implementation of the decisions enumerated in the Minutes of the Meeting dated 09.10.2013 have been made and funds are being allocated by the State Government for the aforesaid purpose. We would, therefore, require the Chief Secretary to file an affidavit regarding the decision of the State Government to provide necessary finances to carry out and implement the 26 points programme/the points noted in the Minutes of the Meeting held on 09.10.2013 for each of the respective items and the time frame which the State Government needs for implementation of the aforesaid.

Shri Sachin K.Verma, Learned Counsel is directed to apprise the Chief Secretary about the proceedings of the Tribunal directing to take action on the points that emerged in the meeting held at New Delhi with the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India on 20.08.2013 and 23.09.2013.

In the opinion of the Tribunal, the matter is of utmost importance for the reason that as per the latest Guidelines dated 17.09.2013 issued by the MoEF, Govt. of India, Indore has again been declared as Critically Polluted Area among the 08 such areas throughout the Country where moratorium has been re-imposed. Therefore, the matter should be taken up on priority basis by the State Government and its firm commitment on the issue of reduction of pollution and improvement of the environment in the city of Indore must reflect from the aforesaid affidavit of the Chief Secretary.

The matter be listed on 15.11.2013. A copy of this order be sent to the Chief Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh.

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(DALIP SINGH)

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