BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

Original Application No. 21/2014

(M.A. Nos. 155, 248, 394, 412 to 414, 420, 502, 618, 631, 683, 778, 778, 812, 1014, 1015, 1029 of 2015 & 1086 of 2015)

And

Original Application No. 95/2014

And

Original Application No. 303/2015

IN THE MATTER OF:

Vardhaman Kaushik Vs. Union of India & Ors.

And

Sanjay Kulshrestha Vs. Union of India & Ors.

And

Supreme Court Women Lawyers Association Vs. Union of India & Ors.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SWATANTER KUMAR, CHAIRPERSON

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. NAMBIAR, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE PROF. A.R. YOUSUF, EXPERT MEMBER

HON'BLE MR. BIKRAM SINGH SAJWAN, EXPERT MEMBER

Original Application No.21 of 2014 and 95 of 2014

Present: Applicant:

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Respondent No. 6 & 7:

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Original Application No. 303 of 2015

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Date and Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
Item No. 28 to 30	It is not only undisputable, but in fact the conceded
December	position, that there are 3 prime sources of air pollution in
11, 2015	
ss	NCT, Delhi as well as NCR, the burning of Municipal Solid
	Waste and other waste in open, dust generated by
	construction and allied activities including sweeping of
A	roads and finally vehicular pollution. In regard to all
	these three aspects, Tribunal had already passed
	comprehensive directions vide its order dated 26th
11	November, 2014, 04th December, 2014, 07th April, 2015,
111	28 th April, 2015, 07 th July, 2015, 17 th April, 2015, 14 th
V . 11 5	July, 2015, , 27 th July, 2015, 30 th July, 2015, and 02 nd
	December, 2015.
100 M	The Learned Additional Solicitor General appearing
	for Union of India has stated the aspect on capping of
	vehicles, it is primarily for the NCT, Delhi to take a stand
- 2	before Tribunal and as far as end of life of vehicle is
	concerned, Ministry has already taken the stand that
	commercial diesel vehicles attaining age of 10 years
	should be directed to take PUC certificate every 6 months
	and after 15 years they should be condemned. However, in
	relation to petrol vehicles, the Union of India does not
	favour scrapping of vehicle on ageing or otherwise. The
	Learned Counsel appearing for NCT, Delhi submits in
	relation to various queries raised by the Tribunal for
	implementation of the directions already issued that he

needs further time. He further states that the clear stand of the Government is to impose even and odd car system on the alternative days and for considering all other aspects which would be simultaneously operative to achieve the objective and reduction in air pollution in Delhi, he prays for some time.

We think that the authorities concerned must sit together and clearly answer the queries raised by the Tribunal as well as relation to the compliance of the directions already issued which in their considered opinion if implemented simultaneously with the odd and even car system proposed to be introduced would make it for more effective and result oriented. We direct that by way of last opportunity, we grant time to all the Learned Counsel appearing in the case to seek instructions and report to the Tribunal on those aspects. The Learned Additional Solicitor General submits that the Central Government's view of providing certain special benefits for condemnation/scrapping of vehicles have been favorable as has been stated in the note put up before the Tribunal today. Let the Government of NCT, Delhi, consider this view and clearly take stand as to the system to be adopted for scrapping of vehicles particularly diesel vehicles which are more than 10 years of age and the consequential benefits in registration, scrapping, incentive and other incidental benefits that would be granted to the owner of the vehicle in respect of new vehicle like Registration fee/excise duty. Let these instructions be taken by the next date of hearing.

The Learned Counsel appearing for NCT, Delhi submits that in all the RTOs in Delhi around 1300 to

1400 vehicles are being registered everyday which include all types of vehicles heavy and light including two wheelers. Obviously, reasonably good number of vehicle are also being registered at Gurgaon, Bahadurgarh, Ghaziabad and NOIDA. These are over and above the vehicles registered in Delhi.

In view of the serious contribution of vehicular pollution to the air quality of NCT, Delhi it is important that the Government should take a serious view and a decision, whether any vehicle particularly Diesel Vehicle (old or new) should be registered in the NCT, Delhi. As an interim measure till next date of posting subject to hearing of all the concerned parties, we direct that Diesel Vehicles of more than 10 years of age as already directed, as well as new diesel vehicle would not be registered in NCT, Delhi.

We also direct the Government to take a conscientious decision in regard to not buying any diesel vehicle, whether by the Central or the State Government. The Learned Counsel should take clear instructions in that regard.

We direct all the Public Authorities, Corporation, DDA, Police and other Public Department to prepare an Action Plan for phasing out of diesel vehicles particularly the trucks being used by all these bodies. Let this Action Plan be placed before the Tribunal on the next date of hearing.

Another very serious aspect is that incidents of waste burning in the open have been brought to the Notice of the Tribunal and they are even widely reported. In furtherance to the Directions, we hereby direct all the

Corporations, DDA, Cantonments and SHOs of the concerned Police Stations that they would ensure that no waste is burnt in the open and none is disobeying the directions, besides rendering himself liable for punitive action under law and to pay Environmental Compensation as per Section 15 and 16 of NGT, Act, 2010 at the rate of Rs. 5,000/- per event. Similarly, it would also apply to dumping of construction and other waste material in public places and on the river bed.

We hereby also direct that builders who keep their dust, sand, cement, brick and other construction materials on the public place and road, as per the directions of the Tribunal already issued, would not be permitted to do so. Besides, seizing such materials under the provision of the Municipal Corporation Act of the Delhi, they would be liable to pay environmental compensation at the rate of Rs. 50,000/- per incident as already directed. Even the construction material which is stored within the building should be covered, and it should be ensured that there is no emission and it does not disperse into the atmosphere. This will also apply to transportation of construction materials. These directions will be applicable to NCR Delhi as afore indicated. All the Authorities may file list of offenders before the next date of hearing. Let all concerned authorities issue public Notice and these directions should be brought into the public domain by the concerned authorities before they take punitive action. In relation to taking of adequate measures for preventing air pollution in particularly Government, Corporation Schools, NCT Delhi is directed to submit a proposal for creating green belt, converting the ground by grass and installation of air filters in the schools.

The DDA, all Bodies including NDMC, Delhi Cantonment Board and Government should also examine the possibilities of sprinkling water.

List this matter on 06th January, 2016.

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(M.S. Nambiar)

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(Prof. A.R. Yousuf)