BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

Original Application No. 179 of 2017 (M.A. No. 1527 of 2017)

IN THE MATTER OF:

Respondent No.3

Respondent No. 18

Venkatesh & Ors. Vs Union of India & Ors.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE U.D.SALVI, JUDICIAL MEMBER, ACTING CHAIRPERSON HON'BLE DR. NAGIN NANDA, EXPERT MEMBER

Present: Applicant: Mr. Vivek Reddy, Sr, Adv, Ms. Sheetal

Soni, Mr. shailesh Madiyal Adv

Respondent: Mr. Divya Prakash Pandey Adv.

Ms. Kashi Vishwehwar, Adv. for R-

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Mr. Rajkumar, Adv. with Mr. Bhupender

LA, Central Pollution Control Board.

Mr. Anjana Gosain, Ms. Shalini Nair

Advs.

Mr. Shailesh Madiyal and Ms. Sheetal Soni and Mr. Sudhanshu Prakash Advs

Mr. B.V. Niren Mr. Vinyak Gupta adv.

Mr Devraj Ashok adv

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21	Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of Applicant
January 05, 2018	submits that the BBMP has virtually used the abandoned
ss	quarry at Survey No. 176 and 271, village Bagalur, Jala
A I A	Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk as a solid waste dumping
	site without authorization and contrary to the provisions
1 5	of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
100	The Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of BBMP
	submits that 'Criteria for pollution prevention' at Clause-D
	in Schedule-I "SPECIFICATIONS FOR SANITARY
	LANDFILLS" permits the use of the quarry site for disposal
	of residual waste, mixed waste etc. and the BBMP after
	having a Technical Report on the Design concept and
	procedure for scientific filling of solid waste in the quarry
	pits' annexed as annexure R-7 to the response of BBMP
	dated 25th October, 2017 and taking measures suggested
	therein particularly surface preparation at the bottom of
	the quarry, lining of the surface bottom and the sites with
	composite barrier of HDPE geo-membrane or geo-synthetic

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liners or equivalent has been dumping the mixed waste in pit No. 1 of the said quarry and has developed garden or vegetation over the filled up surface.

Admittedly, the BBMP does not possess any authorization for indulging in the activity which they claim to have indulged into. Reading of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 has to be done in a holistic manner in order to gather its true sense. Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 spells out the duties of various stakeholders including the waste generators consciously deals with segregation of waste in different components namely bio-degradable, non-biodegradable i.e. recyclable and non-recyclable and its disposal in environment friendly manner. Sanitary landfills are clearly defined as a final and safe disposal sites for residual of solid waste and inert waste on land designed with protective measures against pollution of ground water, surface water and fugitive air dust, wind-blown litter, bad odour, fire hazard, animal menace, bird menace, pest or rodents, greenhouse gas emissions, persistent organic pollutants slope instability and erosion.

Essentially therefore these sanitary landfill sites are meant for the residual and inert waste which have least potential of generating various environmental hazards or impacts. Keeping this in mind and the pressing need of the times the Schedule-I spells out the specification for sanitary landfill. The landfill sites, the specifications require, should be selected so as to make use of nearby waste processing facilities or that waste processing facilities should be planned as an integral part of the landfill site; and it permits the sending of the waste i.e. a

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composite waste to the landfill sites till in the time waste processing facilities for composting or recycling or energy recovery are set up and not for all times as a matter of course. Virtually, in the present case the quarry which has been shown as a landfill site, has been utilized by the BBMP for dumping of waste without there being any waste processing site at the same landfill site or at any other place within the limit of BBMP. At the end of the Schedule-I, clause 'J' therein deals with closure and rehabilitation of old dumps and spells out the process of reduction of waste by bio-mining and waste processing followed by placement of residuals in the landfills and also about other method suitable for reducing any environmental impacts to acceptable levels. If the present site have been utilized for dumping of the waste, it is necessary that all the waste dumped so far is handled in the manner specified in clause 'J' to the Schedule-I of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016. This will perhaps be a sustainable way of utilizing the precious land resources which ought to have lasted for minimum of 15 years.

The Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the BBMP seeks time to keep Joint Commissioner of BBMP present before us and to provide solution to the present problem.

List this matter on 17^{th} January, 2018 at the end of the Board.

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