BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

M. A. Nos. 621/2015 & 622/2015 In Original Application No. 34 (T_{HC})/2014

Digvijay Singh Vs. The State of Rajasthan & Ors.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE U.D. SALVI, JUDICIAL MEMBER HON'BLE DR. D.K. AGRAWAL, EXPERT MEMBER

- Present: Aj
 - Applicant /Appellant
Respondent No. 3&7: Mr. Digvijay Singh, In person
: Mr. Saurabh Shyamshamshery and Ms. Preeti
Bhardwaj, Advs.Respondent No. 5: Mr. S.L .Gundli Sr. L.O and Mr Raj kuamar,
Adv.Respondent No. 8&9: Mr. Sidhartha Luthra Sr. Adv. and Mr. Vinay
Kothari, Adv.

Date and	Orders of the Tribunal
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Item No. 7 July 1, 2015	Heard. Perused.
PA	Learned Senior Coun <mark>sel appearing</mark> for the
	ap <mark>plicant's trust respondent nos. 8 and 9 of which the</mark>
	individual industries are the members are again
5	pressing for modification of the order dated 15.05.2015
E N	in order to facilitate the individual industrial units to
12	commence the working and rejuvenate the halted
N (Z	economic process benefitting large number of people.
	The Learned Senior Counsel app <mark>earing</mark> on behalf of the
	respondent nos. 8 & 9 pointed out that the plan for
	plantation of the tress as per feasibility study report has
	been placed on record on 26.06.2015 which gives the
	methodology of planting trees of the species referred to
	therein for safe disposal and treatment of biological
	treated textile effluent through High Rate Transpiration
	System, a zero discharge and low cost high technical
	method. He further pointed out from the annexure to
	the affidavit of the District Collector, Madhusudan
	Sharma dated 24.06.2015 that the Central Ground
	Water Authority's list of notified areas for controlling

and regulation of ground water does not have Balotra, Bithuja and Jasol mentioned as the notified areas and Baetu of Barmer District is the only notified area. However, he admits that the Table 7: ground water potential of Barmer District in the CGWA report discloses the ground water scenario of Barmer District, Rajasthan vide Annexure-1 over exploited. He, therefore, on instructions makes a statement that all the member industries having borewells would be making applications to the Central Ground Water Authority for seeking its no objection for operation of the borewells and shall abide by the terms and conditions as stipulated by the Central Ground Water Authority. He further invited our attention to the reply of the Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board dated 24.06.2015 and pointed out the view taken by the State Board that the textile units in clusters should not be insisted upon for authorization under the Hazardous Waste Management Rules, 2008 and only individual textile units having complete waste water facility generating ETP sludge are required to obtain such authorization. As regards the installation of RO in CETP, he submitted that work of installation of RO has not progressed for want of funds being released by the Central Government, though, the respondent nos. 8 and 9 are ready and willing to put in their funds and start the work of installation of RO on their own. In view of this, he submitted that the modification of the order dated 15.05.2015 allowing the individual member units of the CETP to run is justifiable.

On the other hand, the applicant in person submitted that the Balotra, Bithuja and Jasol and adjoining areas fall in critical dark category vide response to the RTI query at annexure-A to the reply dated 22.06.2015. He further submits that the order dated 15.05.2015 was prompted as a result of the effluents being carried to CETP in tankers and not through close conduit pipelines fitted with electromagnetic flow meters as well as for things required for effective functioning of CETP being not in place.

Learned Counsel on behalf of the State submitted that the project of CETP has been recommended by the Project Scrutiny Committee comprising of inter ministerial group, headed by Joint Secretary, SITP, Ministry of Textiles and representatives from Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Environment, Department of Commerce, Department of IETC, Office of Textile Commissioner integrated with Finance Ministry and Director SITP and such recommendations would be considered by the Project Approval Committee in its meeting to be held on 06.07.2015 and thereafter the funds are likely to be released for installation of RO in the CETP. He further submitted that the pipeline work of 2 kms. length remains to be done and would be completed by 31.07.2015. In response to this, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the respondent nos. 8 & 9 came forth with a proposal that the old system of passing the effluents through the open drains may be activated or the transport of effluent through the tankers may be suitably monitored until the work of laying the pipeline is complete.

It needs to be noted without commenting on the efficacy of proposals put forth by the respondent nos. 8 & 9 that there are many important things which remain to be done and explained before any modification in the order as solicited is ordered. For explaining the facts, we need assistance of the Central Ground Water Authority, RIICO and the District Collector as well as the Regional Pollution Control Board. We, therefore, direct the District Collector, District Barmer Senior Officer of the CGWA, Regional Officer of SPCB, Regional Manager of RIICO to remain present before us in person on next date of hearing along with all relevant records.

List the case on 9th July, 2015.

,JM (U.D. Salvi) ,EM (Dr. D.K. Agrawal)