BEFORE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, NEW DELHI ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO.343 OF 2022

Sunaina

Applicant.

Versus

State of Punjab and ors.

Respondent.

In the Matter of Original Application No.490/2022

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Reply by way of affidavit of Jagjit Singh Judge, Executive Officer, Nagar Council, Banur, Sub Tehsil Banur, District SAS Nagar.

I, the above named deponent do hereby

solemnly affirm and declare as under:

Respectfully Showeth;

- 1. That in the above noted matter the Nagar Council,
 Banur has been impleaded as respondent. The
 deponent joined the Nagar Council Banur as Executive
 Officer on 03-02-2023.
- 2. That the above original application has been filed by Ms. Sunaina, Advocate for seeking the issuance of appropriate directions to the respondents to ensure supply of potable and clear water to the residents of Zirakpur-Banur- Rajpura belt and to draw comprehensive plain to find out the root causes of

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contamination of water and suggest comprehensive remedial measures.

3. That the above said original application was first time presented before this Hon'ble National Green Tribunal on 8.7.2022 and on the first hearing of the said application, this Hon'ble National Green Tribunal passed the order to constitute a joint committee comprising of representative of State PCB, Principal Secretary, Department of Health, Govt. of Punjab, PWSSB, DC Mohali and DC, Patiala respectively among which PPCB will act as Nodal Agency.

4. That in compliance of the above said directions issued by this Hon'ble National Green Belt a joint District Level Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD), Mohali Comprising of the following members vide order No.DCMHL/3552 dated 22.8.2022 passed by Deputy Commissioner, Mohali:-

- (i) Sub Divisional Magistrate, Dera Bassi
- (ii) Sub Divisional Magistrate, SAS Nagar
- (iii) Senior Enginer (Pubic Health), GMADA
- (iv) Environmental Engineer, PPCB, SAS Nagar
- (v) Executive Officer of concerned Municipal Committee(s)

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- (vi) Executive Engineer, Department of Water Supply& Sanitation, SAS Nagar.
- (vii) Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply & Sewerage Board, SAS Nagar.

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- 5. That as per the directions of this Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, a joint District Level Committee meet was held on 30.8.2022 and 7 steps of action were planned for the compliance of the orders of this Hon'ble National Green Tribunal.
- 6. That It is pertinent to mention here that as per order dated 8.7.2022 passed by the Hon'ble NGT "7.0 Recommendation was mentioned as under:



7.0 Recommendation.: MC Banur, Zirakpur and Rajpura shall ensure to supply potable water complying with the parameters as prescribed in IS:10500:2012 to the residents.

MC Banur, Zirakpur and Rajpura shall identify all the water supply pipeline which are leaking and either replace or provide new water supply line.

- 7. That it is pertinent to mention here that there are total 17 tubewells installed in the revenue estate of Nagar Council, Banur out of which 10 tubewells are being maintained by Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board and 7 tubewells are being run by the Nagar Council, Banur at its own.
- 8. That in compliance of this Hon'ble National Green Tribunal Order dated 8.7.2022 and to follow the steps decided in the meeting of joint District Level Committee held on 30.8.2022, the Committee visited the affected water supply locations within the revenue estate of Banur, Sub Tehsil Banur, District SAS Nagar,

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and collected the water samples from different wards and testing report has already been sent to the Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Mohali. It is further pertinent to mention here that on the 7 tubewells which are being maintained and run by the Nagar Council, Banur new Clorine Machines have already been installed and news item was also published in this regard in the Newspaper. It is again mentioned here that Nagar Council, Banur issued a letter No.1354 dated 1.11.2022 to Sub Supply and Divisional Engineer, Punjab Water Sewerage Board, Zirakpur, was requested to provide the potable water to the residents of the area as per the parameters IS;10500;2012 as per the directions of this Hon'ble NGT and further requested to replace the pipe lines where the same is being leaked. Further it was pointed out in the letter referred to above that water supply line situated in Ward No.9 to Ward N.8 Mohalla Bhattanwala (Alongwith branches) be replaced being old one and after visiting the spot to send the estimate for installing the new pipe line immediately. In response to the above said letter issued by the Nagar Council, Banur, Water Supply Sewerage Board vide letter No.6097 dated 18.11.2022 sent the estimate of Rs.53.49 lakhs to the Nagar Council, Banur for approval which has been approved vide Resolution

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No.132 dated 5.12.2022 and copy of the same already been sent to the Hon'ble Director, Local Bodies letter No.1556 vide Punjab, Department, It is further pertinent to mention here 19.12.2022. that new pipe line has been installed from Tubewell installed in Ward No.9 till the house of late Shri Lekh Ram and Rs. 30 lakhs has been transferred on 28-02-2023 against the estimate of Rs. 53.49 lakhs to the Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Zirakpur for installation/change of water supply pipes from Ward No.9 Old Bus Stand till Ward No.8 Mohalla Bhattanwala alongwith Branches.

9. That the Nagar Council, Banur has installed new Chlorine Machines for supply of potable water on the 7 tubewells which are being maintained and run by the Nagar Council, Banur. Further to purify the water the Pump/machines have been installed.

- 10. Project/process for replacing the old pipe lines and outdated pipe lines as a remedial measures, has already been started so that potable water may be provided to the residents. It is further mentioned here that the samples which were failed in achieving the parameters have been rectified by installing the chlorine machines.
- 11. That the work of maintenance of water supply and sewerage within the limit of Nagar Council, Banur is

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with the Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Zirakpur. Contamination of water now is checked regularly by them and when such cases come into their notice and knowledge, prompt actions are taken by them.

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Place - Banus

Date - 07-3-2023

Verification.

Municipal Council Band Deponent.

Verified that the contents of para no.1 to 11 of the reply on merits of my above affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge derived from the official record and nothing has been concealed therein.

Place - Banus

Date - 07-3-2023

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