

BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL,
WESTERN ZONE BENCH, PUNE AT PUNE

ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 196 OF 2023 (WZ)

IN REF: NEWS ITEM APPEARING IN MID-DAY DATED 15.10.2023 TITLED "HOW RESIDENTS OF MAHARASHTRA'S CHAUDA GAAV ARE BATTLING THE ILLS OF A TEMPORARY DUMPING GROUND" VS MAHARASHTRA POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD.

MAY IT PLEASE THE HON'BLE TRIBUNAL

I, **Dr. Rani Ramrao Shinde**, aged about 39 Years, Occupation Service, having office at Panchpakhadi, Thane (W) do hereby state on solemn affirmation as under :-

1. I say that I am working as in the Solid Waste in Management Department with the Thane Municipal Corporation for the last years. I say that I have perused the order passed by the Hon'ble Tribunal in the present Application. I say that I am aware of the facts and circumstances of the present case and hence I am able to depose the same on oath.
2. I say that the total area of the jurisdiction of Thane Municipal Corporation is 128 Sq.kms. The population of the city as on 2023 is around 26,58,000. There is a generation of 900 to 1000 MT of waste on daily basis. The present dumping ground situated at Diva has already reached its peak capacity. The Corporation was dumping waste and processing the same on a private land situated at Bhandarli.
3. I say that the waste dumped at the site at Bhandarli was segregated with the help of a troling machine. The wet waste was converted into organic compost and the remaining was processed scientifically. I say that the said site at Bhandarli has been shut w.e.f. 25th October 2023, The Post closure plan for Bhandarli will be submitted to MPCB. Also leachate well has been constructed at Bhandarli. The lechate is collected regularly and treated at nearest STP situated in Mumbra. I say that the new designated site at Daighar has commenced the operations for which the Corporation has received the authorization and the Consent to Operate from the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.



4. I, further say that, as regards the legacy waste for the entire city of Thane, the Corporation vide its letter resolution dated 2nd May 2023 has shortlisted the consultant viz., M/s. MaRs Planning and Engineering Services Pvt. Ltd. The consultant had submitted the Detail Project Report (DPR) for clearing of the legacy waste. The said DPR has been accepted by Hon'ble Municipal Commissioner, TMC on dt. 01.12.2023. The legacy waste of Bhandarli site is around 1 lakh MT. SWM department has already started the required tender process. Tentatively the tender process will be completed by 15th Feb, 2024. After issue of work order, total legacy waste of Bhandarli will be cleared in 2 to 3 months.
5. I say that in view of the closure of the site at Bhandarli and the disposal of the legacy waste in accordance with the timeline. Hence, nothing survives in the present case and the same may kindly be disposed off.

I say that whatever stated hereinabove is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Solemnly affirmed at Thane on this 02 JAN 2024 day of January 2024.

BEFORE ME

Mr. Kulkarni
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02 JAN 2024

[Signature]
 Deponent

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NOTED & REGISTERED

Sr. No. 1434 Date: 02/01/2024

