

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

Original Application No. 1393/2024

News Item titled "MP Supriya Sule expressed concern over medical waste dumping" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 18.12.2024.

Date of hearing: 13.01.2025

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

ORDER

1. This Original Application is registered *suo-motu* on the basis of the news item titled "MP Supriya Sule expressed concern over medical waste dumping" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 18.12.2024.

2. The matter relates to the illegal dumping of medical waste along Canal Road in Mirgalwadi village, Daund tehsil in Pune district of Maharashtra. As per the article, the waste, comprising injection boxes without identifying labels, was found near the Khadakwasla Canal, a vital water source for agriculture and drinking. The article highlights that such negligence in dumping of bio medical waste poses serious health risks to citizens and livestock, given the canal's significance.

3. The above news item indicates violation of the provisions of Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016; Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

4. The news item raises substantial issues relating to compliance of the environmental norms and implementation of the provisions of scheduled enactment.

5. The power of the Tribunal to take up the matter *suo-motu* has been recognized by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of "*Municipal*

*Corporation of Greater Mumbai vs. Ankita Sinha & Ors.” reported in 2021
SCC Online SC 897.*

6. Hence, we implead following as respondents in this matter:

- (i) Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Address: Kalpataru Point, 3rd and 4th Floor, Opp. PVR
Cinema, Sion Circle, Mumbai – 400022
- (ii) Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB),
Address: Parivesh Bhawan, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi – 110032
- (iii) Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
Maharashtra, Address: Food and Drug Administration,
Maharashtra State, Survey No. 341, Bandra-Kurla Complex,
Bandra (East), Mumbai – 400051
- (iv) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Through
its Regional Office, Integrated Regional Office, Ground Floor,
East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur-
440001.
- (v) District Magistrate (Collector), Pune, Address: Collector Office,
Pune, Near Sangam Bridge, Pune – 411001

7. Issue notice to the above respondents for filing their response/reply by way of affidavit before the appropriate Bench of the Tribunal at least one week before the next date of hearing. If any respondent directly files the reply without routing it through his advocate, then the said respondent will remain virtually present to assist the Tribunal.

8. Since the matter relates to the Western Zonal Bench, Pune, therefore, OA is transferred to the Western Zonal Bench for appropriate further action. The office is directed to transfer the original record of the OA to Western Zonal Bench, Pune.

9. List before Western Zonal Bench at Pune on 27.02.2025.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

January 13, 2025
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