

To,

The Registrar General,
Hon'ble National Green Tribunal,
Faridkot House, Copernicus Marg,
New Delhi - 110001

Subject: Compliance of order dated 02.02.2023 passed by the Hon'ble NGT in O.A No. 673/2018.

Briefly stated, the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal Principal Bench, New Delhi, vide orders dated 02.02.2023 passed in Execution Application no. 1/2023 filed in Original Application No. 673/2018-News item published in "**The Hindu**" authored by **Shri Jacob Koshy** titled "**More river stretches are now critically polluted: CPCB** has considered the issue of water pollution in river Satluj near Gurudwara Patalpuri Sahib at Kiratpur Sahib, District Rupnagar and directed the Chief Secretary, State Pollution Control Board and District Magistrate Rupnagar to look into the issue raised and take remedial action in accordance with law and the undersigneu being Chief Secretary, Punjab has been asked to file an action taken report with the Registrar General of the Hon'ble Tribunal within one month.

In compliance to the order dated 02.02.2023 of the Hon'ble Tribunal, it is respectfully submitted that the site in question was visited by the officer of Punjab Pollution Control Board on 11.01.2023 and observed that domestic effluent of Kiratpur Sahib is being discharged into River Sutlej. The officer of Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board was contacted by the visiting officer and it came to fore that the tender for construction of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) of capacity of 2 MLD at Kiratpur Sahib has been called many times but the rates quoted by the contractor were too high, as such, the competent authority of the Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board (PWSSB) has not accepted the rates quoted by the contractor.

On the observations of the visiting officer, the Punjab Pollution Control Board had issued notice u/s 33-A of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 vide letter no. 1043 dated 09.02.2023 to the Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Kiratpur Sahib and the Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board along-with an opportunity of personal hearing on 21.02.2023 before the Chairman of the Board.

Sh. Harbaksh Singh, Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Kiratpur Sahib alongwith Rahul Kaushal, Executive Engineer, PWSSB had appeared for hearing before the Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board on 21.2.2023. Executive Officer, Nagar Panchayat, Kiratpur Sahib submitted in writing that the Government has already transferred the funds to Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board for construction of Main Pumping Station (MPS) and Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). The PWSSB has already constructed MPS but STP is yet to be constructed. Nagar Panchayat has also given the revised consents after passing resolution 107 dated 13.02.2023 on the request of PWSSB. The EO, Kiratpur Sahib vide letter no. 198 dated 20.02.2023 assured to provide more funds to PWSSB, if required. The representative of PWSSB informed that revised Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (DNIT) is under process. The PWSSB has called tenders 12 times, for this project however,

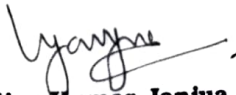
the bid could not be accepted as bids were 30-40% more than the reserved price. After hearing, the Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board has decided to impose Environmental Compensation and to request the department of Local Government to initiate suitable action against the EO, Nagar Panchayat, Kiratpur Sahib and other responsible officers/officials for dereliction of duty.

The Deputy Commissioner, Rupnagar had issued interim order no. 1076-1080 dated 28.03.2023 whereby, Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Division, Rupnagar has been directed to complete the work of STP by June, 2024 by following due procedure. Besides, the Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board has been directed to maintain temporary measures already adopted for treatment of domestic effluent till STP is commissioned. The temporary measures will be monitored by the Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board to ensure the compliance of the directions of Hon'ble NGT and that Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Division, Rupnagar will be held responsible if pollution in river Sutlej near Gurudwara Patalpuri Sahib is again reported.

The Department of Environment has also impressed upon the Department of Local Government by writing a demi official letter dated 5.5.2023 **(Annexure-A)** to complete the installation and commissioning of Sewage Treatment Plant at Kiratpur Sahib by June, 2024 so as to contain the cause of water pollution near Gurudwara Patalpuri Sahib. In reference to said D.O letter dated 5.5.2023, the Engineer-in-Chief-cum-Technical Advisor, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board vide letter dated 22.5.2023 **(Annexure-B)** has forwarded the assurance given by Executive Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board to the Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Science, Technology and Environment that the tender has been again called on 22.5.2023 with opening date of 13.6.2023. After allotment, the work is to be completed within 9 months and in all possibility the work will be completed by 30.6.2024.

The authorities will ensure compliance in this regard.

The action taken report is being submitted in compliance to order dated 2.2.2023 passed in O.A No. 673 of 2018.


(Vijay Kumar Janjua, IAS)
Chief Secretary, Punjab

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Tanu Kashyap, IAS
Secretary

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ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ, ਪੰ. ਨੰ.

Government of Punjab

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ

Department Science Technology
Environment ਵਿਭਾਗ

Chandigarh, the 05.05.2023

ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ

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Dear Sir,

As you might be aware that the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal Principal Bench, New Delhi, vide orders dated 02.02.2023 passed in Execution Application no. 1/2023 filed in Original Application No. 673/2018-News item published in "The Hindu" authored by Shri Jacob Koshy titled "More river stretches are now critically polluted: CPCB has considered the issue of water pollution in river Satluj near Gurudwara Patalpuri Sahib at Kiratpur Sahib, District Rupnagar and directed the Chief Secretary, State Pollution Control Board and District Magistrate Rupnagar to look into the issue raised and take remedial action in accordance with law and had further asked the Worthy Chief Secretary, Punjab to file an action taken report with the Registrar General of the Hon'ble Tribunal within one month. Copy of order dated 2.2.2023 is enclosed.

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The installation and commissioning of Sewage Treatment Plant at Kiratpur Sahib will contain the cause of water pollution near Gurudwara Patalpuri Sahib. In view of the above facts of the case, you are requested to look into the matter personally and confirm the timelines for installation of Sewage Treatment Plant at Kiratpur Sahib as 30.6.2024, so that the requisite action taken report is filed in the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal by the Worthy Chief Secretary, Punjab in compliance to order dated 2.2.2023.

I would be grateful if the above mentioned request is given personal attention (as this is a NGT reference) and my office is accordingly informed at the earliest.

Warm regards,


(Tanu Kashyap, IAS)
5/5/23

Sh. Vivek Partap Singh, IAS
Principal Secretary,
Local Government.

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**PUNJAB W/S & SEWERAGE BOARD,
PLOT-1B, SECTOR-27A, CHANDIGARH.**

From,

Engineer in Chief
-cum- Technical Advisor.

To,

Secretary,
Government of Punjab,
Department of Science, Technology & Environment,
Room No. 712, 7th Floor, Punjab Civil Secretariat-2,
Sector-9, Chandigarh - 160009.

No. PWSSB/D-II/2023/ 12885

Dated: 22.5.23

Sub:- Compliance of Order dated 02.02.2023 passed by Hon'ble NGT in O.A. No. 673 of 2018.

Ref:- Your D.O. letter No. SSTE/2023/69 dated 05.05.2023, addressed to Principal Secretary, Local Government.

With respect to subject cited above and D.O. letter under reference, kindly find enclosed herewith copy of letter No. 2522 dated 22.05.2023, received from Executive Engineer, Punjab W/S & Sewerage Division, Ropar for information and further necessary action, please.

DAI- As above.

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22/5/23
Director (Planning & Design)

Endst. No. PWSSB/D-II/2023/ 12886

Dated: 22.5.23

Copy of above w.r.t. email dated 05.05.2023, is forwarded to PS to PSLG for information of Worthy Principal Secretary, Deptt. of Local Govt., Punjab. Municipal Bhawan, Sector-35A, Chandigarh for information, please.

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22/5/23
Director (Planning & Design)

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵ/ਸ ਅਤੇ ਸੀਵਰੇਜ ਮੈਡਲ, ਰੋਪੜ

ਸੇਵਾ ਵਿਖੇ

ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ ਇਨ ਚੀਫ-ਕਮ-ਟੈਕਨੀਕਲ ਅਡਵਾਈਜਰ,
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ਨੰ: 2522

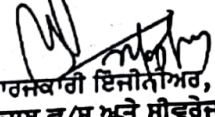
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ਹਵਾਲਾ:- ਮੁੱਖ ਦਫਤਰ ਦਾ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: ਪਵਸਸਬ-2023/(ਭੀ-2) 12764 ਮਿਤੀ 18.05.2023.

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਅਤੇ ਹਵਾਲੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਪੱਤਰ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਕੀਰਤਪੁਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਖੇ ਬਣਾਏ ਜਾਣ ਵਾਲੇ 2 ਐਮ.ਐਲ.ਡੀ. ਸੀਵੇਜ਼ ਟਰੀਟਮੈਂਟ ਪਲਾਂਟ ਦੇ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਮਿਤੀ 12.04.2023 ਨੂੰ ਲਗਾਏ ਗਏ ਸਨ ਅਤੇ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਖੁਲਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ 04.05.2023 ਨਿਸਚਿਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ ਪ੍ਰੰਤੂ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਏਜੰਸੀ ਵਲੋਂ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਪਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ। ਹੁਣ ਦੁਬਾਰਾ ਇਸ ਕੰਮ ਦੇ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਮਿਤੀ 22.05.2023 ਨੂੰ ਲਗਾਏ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਟੈਂਡਰ ਖੁਲਣ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ 13.06.2023 ਰੱਖੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਟੈਂਡਰ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਣ ਅਤੇ ਅਲਾਟਮੈਂਟ ਹੋਣ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਇਸ ਕੰਮ ਨੂੰ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ 9 ਮਹੀਨੇ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ ਰੱਖਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਇਹ ਕੰਮ ਮਿਤੀ 30.06.2024 ਤੱਕ ਪੂਰਾ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਸੰਭਾਵਨਾ ਹੈ।

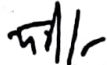
ਇਹ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਅਗਲੇਰੀ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਹਿੱਤ ਹੈ ਜੀ।


ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ,
ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵ/ਸ ਅਤੇ ਸੀਵਰੇਜ. ਮੈਡਲ,
ਰੋਪੜ।

ਮਿਤੀ

ਪਿੱਠ ਅੱਕਣ ਨੰ:

ਉਕਤ ਦੀ ਨਕਲ ਮੁੱਖ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ (ਪੂਰਬ) ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵ/ਸ ਅਤੇ ਸੀਵਰੇਜ ਬੋਰਡ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਅਤੇ ਨਿਗਰਾਨ ਇੰਜੀਨੀਅਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵ/ਸ ਅਤੇ ਸੀਵਰੇਜ ਹਲਕਾ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਅਗਲੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਹਿੱਤ ਭੇਜੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਜੀ।


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