

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
EASTERN ZONE BENCH, KOLKATA
(THROUGH PHYSICAL HEARING WITH HYBRID MODE)**

Original Application No.83/2024/EZ

Nagarik Swartharaksha Sangram Parisad
Versus

Applicant(s)

The State of Assam & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 18.04.2024

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B. AMIT STHALEKAR, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. ARUN KUMAR VERMA, EXPERT MEMBER**

For Applicant(s) : Ms. Madhumita Bhattacharjee, Advocate (in Virtual Mode)

ORDER

1. This Original Application has been filed by the Applicant-Parishad alleging rampant dumping of garbage in the entire town of Silchar without any monitoring in terms of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 thereby threatening serious health hazard to the residents of the town of the Silchar. It is stated that the town of Silchar generates about 100 tons of garbage per day out of which 60 tons are dumped in Meherpur dumping ground whereas 40 tons are thrown all around the place including vacant grounds and drains.
2. It is alleged that this has led to drains in the town Silchar being totally clogged and contaminated with garbage dumping particularly in the rainy season when the town gets submerged and is contaminated with obnoxious water.
3. It is also alleged that the Applicant had sent a letter to the Respondent No.4, Executive Officer, Silchar Municipal Board, regarding cleanliness drive on the N.N. Dutta Raod, Silchar on 24.02.2022 to remove the garbage on the road and clean the drains in the town of Silchar but no action was taken.

4. A further letter was sent on 08.03.2022 to the Executive Officer, Silchar Municipal Board regarding disposal of garbage but nothing has been done.
5. Another letter was sent on 29.03.2022 to the Executive Officer, Silchar Municipal Board, to provide garbage collection buckets to the residents and shop owners of Chengcoorie Road on 29.03.2022.
6. A further letter dated 26.04.2022 was sent to the Executive Officer, Silchar Municipal Board, to provide garbage collection buckets to the residents and shop owners of Satsang Ashram Road Market and Azad Hind Road including Chengcoorie Road but nothing has been done so far.
7. Matter requires consideration.
8. Issue notice to the Respondents, returnable within four weeks.
9. Ms. Malabika Roy Dey, learned Counsel who is present (in Virtual Mode), accepts notice on behalf of the State Respondents, Respondent No.1, 3 and 5.
10. Mr. Shyambar Deb, learned Counsel states that he has instructions from the Respondent No.2, Assam State Pollution Control Board to take notice of this case.
11. Mr. Ashok Prasad, learned Counsel who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the Respondent No.6, Central Pollution Control Board.
12. Issue notice to the Respondent No.4, Silchar Municipal Board, returnable within four weeks.
13. All the Respondents shall file their counter-affidavits within four weeks.
14. The Applicant shall serve e-copy/soft copy of the Original Application along with all its annexures upon Ms. Malabika Roy

Dey, Mr. Shyambar Deb and Mr. Ashok Prasad, Counsel for the Respondents within 48 hours.

15. **List on 24.05.2024.**

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B. Amit Sthalekar, JM

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Dr. Arun Kumar Verma, EM

April 18, 2024,
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