

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL  
WESTERN ZONE BENCH, PUNE**

(By Video Conferencing)

**ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO.44 OF 2023 (WZ)**

Aryavat Foundation

.... Applicant

Versus

M/s Lote Parshuram Environment Protection  
Cooperative Society Ltd & Ors.

...Respondents

Date of Hearing : 17.04.2023

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DINESH KUMAR SINGH, JUDICIAL MEMBER  
HON'BLE DR. VIJAY KULKARNI, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant : Mr. Raj Panjwani, Senior Advocate, i/b Mr. Surender  
Singh Hooda, Advocate

**ORDER**

1. The applicant – Aryavat Foundation, which is a Non-Government Organization, has filed this application through its President, raising an issue that respondent No.1 - M/s Lote Parshuram Environment Protection Cooperative Society Ltd is running a Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) and is discharging untreated effluent into Sonpatra river through a leaked pipeline as it has failed to provide full-fledged leakage proof pipeline. Further it has failed to maintain the aeration tank of CETP with sufficient biomass/culture, which was observed by respondent No.2 – MPCB in its show-cause notice dated 14.10.2022 and also observed in that notice that one clarifier was found to be inoperative. The said CETP is causing serious harm to the environment. The details of Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) parameters being on higher side at CETP inlet are given at pages 15 and 18 of the paper-book in tabular form. Similarly, details of Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) parameters are given at pages 18 to 19 of the paper-book in tabular form. At the outlet also, the COD and BOD values and Suspended Solids values are on

higher side and Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) values are found on higher side, which are given at pages 22 to 24 of the paper-book in tabular form.

2. On the basis of above, we find that substantial question related to environment is made out. Therefore, we admit this application and direct the Registry to issue notice to the respondents, returnable within three weeks.

3. We deem it appropriate to constitute a Joint Committee, consisting one member each of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB). MPCB shall be the nodal agency of the said Committee. The Joint Committee shall assess the environment damage caused by respondent No.1 and recommend a plan for its restoration and also shall assess adequacy of CETP to meet the standards and recommend the standard for its improvement. The report shall be submitted by the said Committee within a period of one month.

4. The applicant is directed to provide copies of the Original Application and annexures thereto for being served to the respondents, within a week.

5. The applicant is also directed to take necessary steps for service upon the respondents by both ways and also through available e-mail.

6. Put up this matter on 10.07.2023.

Dinesh Kumar Singh, JM

Dr. Vijay Kulkarni, EM

April 17, 2023  
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