

ENGLISH TRANSLATION

ZILLA PARISHAD PALGHAR

O.No. PAJIP/SAPRAVI/AASTHA-2/348/2016

Date 02/12/2016

To,

Hon. Chairman

National Green Tribunal

Western Zone

Pune

Subject : Submission of report of the Committee constituted as per Order dated 9/9/2016 in connection with Application No.64/2016 (WZ) in the Court of National Green Tribunal Pune.

Reference : As per the Order dated 9/9/2016 of the National Green Tribunal Pune (WZ).

With reference to the above subject, the Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Hon. Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad Palghar on 17/10/2016 visited Uchcheli and Dandi Villages under P.H. Centre Dandi as well as Village Tarapur under P. H. Centre Tarapur and Navapur and Murbe Villages under P. H. Centre Murbe. Also by visiting the villages affected by water pollution from the Tarapur M.I.D.C. discussions were held with the villagers there and the volunteers of Akhil Bharatiya Mangela Samaj Parishad and the detailed report is being submitted as under.

1) As per the report of Government of Maharashtra Fisheries Department

It is a reality that in the aforesaid main fishing villages polluted water being

released from the factories in Tarapur M.I.D.C., polluted air and to add to it

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disposal of effluents from big towns like Boisar Palghar, radioactive wastes, solid wastes water in the sea and the creek and land are polluted extensively due to various types of hazardous chemicals. Also fishes and other aquatic animals have become extinct and some species are on the verge of extinction. As a result of the said water pollution due to depletion of dissolved oxygen in water reproduction of fishes has diminished and fish production has slumped. This has dealt a deadly blow to fisheries. (Report is enclosed herewith.)

2) As per Inquiry Report of the Maharashtra State Public Health Services State-level Laboratory Centre Pune

Dissolved oxygen in the sea water of the said environ appears to have depleted. Also there is intense increase in the ratio of T.D.S., C.O.D. Due to this the possibility of far-reaching consequences on aquatic animals cannot be ruled out. To add to this, it is observed that water without proper treatment from the Tarapur M.I.D.C. is being released into the sea. (Report is enclosed herewith.)

3) As per the report of notings of the three years by the P.H. Centres, Murbe, Dandi under the Health Department Zilla Parishad Palghar, as well as the Rural Hospital Boisar

It is observed that there is an increase in skin diseases and breathing problems among the residents living around the aforesaid Health Centre and Hospital. (Report is enclosed herewith.)

4) As per report of the Integrated Child Development Service Scheme Project Palghar

As the said villages are dependent on fishing and as they are not being given preference for employment in the Tarapur Industrial Area, overall their financial position has deteriorated. Due to this, in the absence of proper food there is the

possibility of adverse effect on children in the families and the general people.
(Report is enclosed herewith.)

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- 5) Despite Office of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board Tarapur conveying the report on measures made by them the same is not obtainable till now.

MEASURES SUGGESTED BY THE COMMITTEE

- 1) In the Tarapur M.I.D.C. area a 25 MLD Effluent Treatment Plant is in existence and with a view to ensure that not more than this quantity of effluent is generated, M.I.D.C. should supply water to factories accordingly. Precautions should be taken to ensure that effluents are not generated in excess of the CETP capacity and water supply should be restricted to that extent.
- 2) For testing the BOD, TDS, COD etc. in the effluents from the CETP from time to time it is necessary to set up a competent agency so that the CETP is operated in a controlled manner and faultlessly.
- 3) For running the CETP efficiently and completion of the new CETP (50 MLD capacity) Project at the earliest the Tarapur Environment Protection and Conservation Committee should pay attention.
- 4) The member-factories of TIMA should run their ETP efficiently, lift the approved water as per rules as well as not use unauthorised sources of water, avoid use of borewell and tanker water. For taking proper precautions in this regard as well as informing all the TIMA members it is necessary for the concerned agency to give written instructions.
- 5) Taking action against companies that are responsible for water pollution is within the jurisdiction of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. Also all out efforts should be made to comply with the regulations relating to water pollution and it will be necessary to set up an independent agency for this purpose.

- 6) It is necessary that regular meetings of the Tarapur Environment Protection and Conservation Committee that has been constituted should be held. So that fisheries resources are not lost due to polluted effluents.

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- 7) The fishermen brethren who are affected by water and air pollution should be provided free medical treatment and medical camps organized by the various companies operating in the Tarapur M.I.D.C. area.
- 8) The poor and promising sons of the soil staying within the Tarapur M.I.D.C. area should be given preference in employment by the various companies so that their financial condition does not fluctuate.

Sd/-

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