

Item No.13

Court No. 1

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

Original Application No. 519/2019

News item published in "The Times of India" Authored by Jasjeev Gandhiok & Paras Singh Titled "Below mountains of trash lie poison lakes"

Date of hearing: 30.05.2019

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADARSH KUMAR GOEL, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.P. WANGDI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. RAMAKRISHNAN, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. NAGIN NANDA, EXPERT MEMBER**

For Applicant(s):

For Respondent (s):

ORDER

1. The issue raised in the above news item is that huge water contamination is taking place in the unauthorized habitations near Bhalswa, Gazipur and Okhla landfills in Delhi. The colour of the Water has become yellow orange. The aquifers have been contaminated by the leachate. One of the landfills was commissioned in the year 1990 but there has been no scientific management. The water contamination is raising serious issues of public health. The leachate is also getting discharged into the River Yamuna affecting the water quality of the river. The ground water contains heavy metals exceeding the WHO norms. TDS level is in the range of 510 to 3205 mg/L and there is high concentration of Chlorine Nitrate, Ammonia and Iron with pH between 7.5 and 8.5.

2. It is reported that extent of waste accumulated is 5 million tons 2000, 2100 and 1200 metric tons is being dumped per day respectively at Bhalswa, Gazipur and Okhla landfill sites posing serious danger to the environment.
3. In view of the provisions of the Solid Municipal Waste Rules, 2016, the primary responsibility of managing the legacy waste and allied issues is of the Municipal Corporations concerned.
4. Let the North, East and South Delhi Municipal Corporations furnish their respective action taken reports in the matter by email at judicial-ngt@gmail.com within one month.
5. In view of seriousness of the matter, we also direct that the Commissioners of the Municipal Corporations may remain present in person on the next date.

List for further consideration on 11.07.2019.

Adarsh Kumar Goel, CP

S.P. Wangdi, JM

K. Ramakrishnan, JM

Dr. Nagin Nanda, EM

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