BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL,
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Filed by:

(Sanjay Vatts)
Environmental Engineer
(Delhi Pollution Control Committee)
Respondent

New Delhi:

Dated: 17.09.2019
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STATUS REPORT ON BEHALF OF DELHI POLLUTON CONTROL COMMITTEE IN COMPLIANCE TO THE ORDER DATED 09.08.2019

1. That the present matter was listed before this Hon’ble Tribunal on 09.08.2019 whereby this Tribunal directed the answering respondent to file a compliance report and further listed the matter for hearing on 19.09.2019.

2. That in pursuance of the orders of this tribunal, the answering respondent herein had earlier filed its action taken report on 17.05.2019 and 06.08.2019 respectively, which are available on the records of this Hon’ble Tribunal.

3. That as directed by this Hon’ble Tribunal, a joint inspecting team of CPCB and DPCC carried out inspection of 23 banquet halls. Thereafter, CPCB submitted its joint inspection report before this Hon’ble Tribunal on 26.07.2019 which is available on the records.

4. That pursuant to the said inspection “Environmental Damage Compensation” was imposed on all 23 banquet halls for extraction of ground water and inadequate parking. That Environmental Damage Compensation amounting to a total of Rs. 84,75,082/- (Rupees Eighty Four Lakhs Seventy Five Thousands Eighty Two Only) was imposed on these banquet halls.(List is enclosed as Annexure-I)
5. It is pertinent to mention herein that Rs. 80,86,362 (Rupees Eight Lac Eighty Six Thousand and Three Hundred Sixty Two Only) has been recovered from 21 out of 23 Banquet Halls.

6. Further, directions have been issued to seal the 02 banquet halls who have not deposited the Environmental Damage Compensation. However, these 02 Banquet Halls were found non operational during the joint inspection of CPCB and DPCC.

7. That it is further pertinent to mention herein that bore wells were found in 22 banquet halls out of the 23, which have been disconnected/ sealed and illegal extraction of ground water has been stopped and during inspection it was found that in the remaining one banquet hall no bore well was existing.

8. That, out of these 23 banquet halls, 20 are having valid Consent to Operate and 03 are non-operational due to renovation/construction work being carried out at their site. These 03 Banquet halls were inspected and it was found that they are not carrying out any commercial activity and were under construction/renovation.

9. That, as per the joint inspection report dated 26.07.2019 prepared by the CPCB and DPCC in respect of 23 Banquet Halls, 10 Banquet Halls had Consent to Operate by the time of inspection. 02 Banquet Halls had applied for consent to establish. Rest of the 11 Banquet Halls were found to have been carrying out operation without obtaining valid Consent to Operate for period varying from 28 days to 1280 days. Accordingly, it has been decided to levy Environmental Damages Compensation for causing damage to the environment on these 11 banquet halls due to carrying out operations in violation of the laws, (a list of 11 banquet halls with Environmental Damage Compensation levied is enclosed as Annexure-2). That the Environmental Damages Compensation so levied is in addition to the Environmental Damage Compensation imposed regarding illegal extraction of ground water and inadequate parking. That it has been further decided to launch prosecution in respect of these 11 banquet halls who were operating in violation of laws.
10. That apart from taking action towards closure, prosecution, and assessment and recovery of compensation, DPCC has taken up the issues of inadequate parking, traffic congestion, fire safety, evaluation of building plans and adequacy of other infrastructural facilities with North Delhi Municipal Corporation vide letters dated 30.07.2019 and 13.09.2019 requesting the Corporation to review the adequacy of infrastructure for the existing Banquet Halls and to assess the situation before granting fresh license to the Banquet Halls. Copy of the letters dated 30.07.2019 and 13.09.2019 are enclosed herewith as Annexure-3 (colly).

11. That letters were written to the Dy. Commissioner of Police (West District) along with copy of joint inspection report of CPCB & DPCC, requesting for necessary action with respect to parking issues. Further Dy. Commissioner of Police (West District) was requested to take steps for smooth traffic flow in the area and also to ensure compliance of restrictions on the use of Loud-speakers/ Public address system and sound producing instruments. Copy of the letters dated 30.07.2019 and 13.09.2019 are enclosed herewith as Annexure-4 (colly).

12. That during joint inspection carried out by CPCB and DPCC, it has been observed that out of the 23 Banquet Halls in the area, organic waste converter has been installed in 06 Banquet Halls and 03 Banquet Halls were under construction stage; in the remaining 14 Banquet Halls the organic waste converters were not found installed. Accordingly, directions have been issued to these 14 Banquet Halls to install organic waste converters and to close down operations till the organic waste converter is installed.

13. It is submitted that detailed action has been taken for specific violations committed by each of the Banquet Halls including levy of Environmental Damage Compensation, closure of operations and prosecution. Environmental compensation of Rs. 80,86,362 (Rupees Eight Lac Eighty Six Thousand and Three Hundred Sixty
Two Only) has also been recovered. That it has been decided to carry out periodic inspection of these 23 Banquet Halls to ensure that they carry out their operations in compliance with the environmental laws. In case of those violating the environmental laws and causing damage to the environment, the illegal activities will be stopped forthwith and further action including levy of Environmental Damage Compensation and launching prosecution will be taken.

The status report may kindly be taken on record in compliance of the order of the Hon’ble Tribunal dated 09.08.2019.

(Sanjay Vatts)
Environmental Engineer
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(i) to verify and evaluate building plans and parking issues.
(ii) to review the adequacy of infrastructure for existing banquet halls for which approval has already been granted and to ensure adequacy of infrastructure facilities like traffic, parking, fire safety etc. before granting any fresh approval of banquet halls in the area. Adequate infrastructure arrangements may be made for them in the area by municipal corporations.
(iii) to ensure that all banquet halls installing organic waste convertor (a) to reduce waste generation at site (b) to utilize organic waste for reuse in gardening etc
(iv) to ensure that these banquet halls are operating in compliance with approved building plans and without any parking and traffic issues. In case, it is not possible to provide basic infrastructure required-traffic, parking etc. such banquet halls may be shifted out of the area.

In view of above, you are requested to kindly look into the issues and direct the concerned to take immediate action and submit the compliance report by 02.8.2019 so that the action taken report can be submitted to Hon’ble NGT within a time.

Yours faithfully,

(Arun Mishra)
Member Secretary

Cc: As Above.

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To,

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Rajouri Garden Police Station,
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(Dr. B.M.S. Reddy)
Incharge, CMC-IV & VI

Encl: As Above.

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F. No. DPCC/OA-1008/NGT/2019/ 21-1 2

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Joint Commissioner of Police: Licensing, Delhi Police, First Floor of Police Station Defence Colony, Near Moolchand Hospital, New Delhi -110049

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This issues with the approval of Member Secretary, DPCC

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(Sanjay Vatts)
Incharge, CMC-VI

Encl. As above

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