

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

Original Application No. 274/2024

News item titled "Pune Foul smell from lake troubles Katraj and Bibwewadi society residents; Demand urgent action from PMC" appearing in the Pune Pulse dated 12.02.2024

Date of hearing: 22.03.2024

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON  
HON'BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

Respondents: Mr. Mukesh Verma, Adv. for R - 1 (Through VC)  
Ms. Tanisha Samanta, Adv. for R - 2  
Mr. Rahul Garg, Adv. for R - 4 (Through VC)

**ORDER**

1. This OA is registered *suo motu* on the basis of the news item titled "Pune Foul smell from lake troubles Katraj and Bibwewadi society residents; Demand urgent action from PMC" appearing in the 'Pune Pulse' dated 12.02.2024.

2. The news item raises the issue of disposal of sewage in Katraj Lake in Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park, Pune resulting in foul smell and mosquitoes, causing distress to the residents of the area. As per the said news item, the sewage water is being released in Katraj Lake leading to pollution in the lake, fouds smell and other serious issues. The pollution in the lake and emitting foul smell is creating health hazards to the local residents.

3. The news item raises substantial issue relating to compliance of environmental norms and implementation of the Scheduled enactments.

4. Power of the Tribunal to take up the matter *suo-motu* has been recognized by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of "*Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai vs. Ankita Sinha & Ors.*" reported in 2021 SCC Online SC 897.

5. Hence, we implead the following as respondents in the matter:

- (1). Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board through its Member Secretary.
- (2). Central Pollution Control Board through its Member Secretary.
- (3). District Collector/District Magistrate, Pune.
- (4). Pune Municipal Corporation through its Commissioner.

6. Mr. Mukesh Verma, Advocate appearing for Respondent No. 1, Mr. Rahul Garg, Advocate appearing for Respondent No. 4 and Ms. Tanisha Samanta, Advocate appearing for Respondent No. 2, seek four weeks' time to file the reply.

7. Let notice be issued to Respondent No. 3 for filing the response before appropriate Bench of the Tribunal.

8. Since the matter relates to the Western Zonal Bench, Pune, therefore, OA is transferred to the Western Zonal Bench for appropriate further action in accordance with law. Let the original record of the OA be transferred to the Western Zonal Bench, Pune.

9. List before Western Zonal Bench at Pune on 28.05.2024.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

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