

BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI

Original Application No.184 / 2020 (SZ)

Tribunal on its own motion - SUO MOTO
Initiated proceedings based on the News
item in the Times of India Chennai edition
dated 17.09.2020, Under the caption
"Medical waste dumped along Cooum in Anna Nagar"

...Applicant(s)

Versus

The Commissioner
Greater Chennai Corporation & Others

...Respondent(s)

STATUS REPORT ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER,
GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION

I, D.Vijula, W/o.P.S.Devakumar, Christian, aged 54 years, the
Superintending Engineer i/c, Solid Waste Management
Department, Greater Chennai Corporation, having office at Ripon
Building sincerely state as follows:

I am filing this counter affidavit on behalf of the respondent
Greater Chennai Corporation. I am well acquainted with the facts of
the above case as per available records.

1. I submit that the Greater Chennai Corporation has
issued identity card to Rag pickers to curtail illegal rag picking. So
far 307 Nos. of identity cards have been issued by Greater Chennai


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Corporation and action is being taken by Greater Chennai Corporation to issue ID card to all the informal waste pickers.

2. Corporation has privatized 7 Zones and in the contract document of the Concessionaire it has been mentioned as follows :-

- In consultation with the Authority (GCC) and in line with SBM Guidelines/SWM Rules 2016, the Concessionaire shall establish a system for integration of the informal waste collectors to facilitate their participation in formal solid waste management activities
- Identify Swachta-Samities/RWAs that are taking some initiatives at the local level with limited technical skills and resources. The NGO can reorganize the group, and do the required capacity building and utilize their resources in initiating door to door solid waste collection with support from sanitary workers not employed by Authority or working on contract, informal waste workers etc. In the absence of existing groups it is expected to form new such groups. These groups can be named as 'SWACHI Group' in each ward or for other Authorities as well.

3. I submit that the 120 numbers of hot spots have been identified in all 15 Zones of Greater Chennai Corporation and 50 Nos. of surveillance cameras have been fixed and in future all the hot spots will be covered.


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4. I submit that the Corporation has privatized the collection and transportation of garbage in 7 Zones and another 4 Zones will be privatized soon. In the contract document of the concessionaire it has been mentioned as follows:-

- The Concessionaire in consultation with the Authority (GCC) and Independent Engineer shall identify the location of Hotspots along with the coordinators during the preparation of MIOP.

- Hotspots identified in MIOP shall be monitored and physically verified on the daily basis as per the frequency mentioned in MIOP.

5. I submit that the Greater Chennai Corporation has framed Solid Waste Management Bye-laws, 2019 based on the Solid Waste management Rules, 2016 and published in the gazette on 11.2.2020. As per Schedule II of this Bye-Law fine is collected as below

Levying Penalties:

The powers for levying penalties for non-compliance of Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules, 2016 as mentioned in Schedule IV of the Bye-Law is vested with the ward level Assistant Engineers and Conservancy Inspector of Corporation of Chennai.


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It is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble National Green Tribunal may be pleased to consider the above facts and pass suitable orders and thus render justice.

Solemnly affirmed at Chennai }
on this the day of January }
2021 and signed his name in }
my presence


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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION
Before me,

Advocate : Chennai.