

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, SOUTHERN ZONE  
CHENNAI  
O.A. No. 185 of 2020**

National Green Tribunal,  
Southern Zone, Chennai,  
Tribunal on its own motion  
Suo Motto based on the  
news item in Deccan Herald  
E-paper dated 18-09-2020  
'Vrishabhavathi' water turns  
froshthy dark yellow

...Petitioner

Versus

- 1) The Principal Secretary  
to Government of  
Karnataka, Forest,  
Environment and Ecology  
Department.
- 2) The Secretary to  
Government of Karnataka  
Water Resources Department.
- 3) Union of India represented  
by its Secretary Ministry of Environment  
and Foretsand ClimateChange.
- 4) The Secretary to Government,  
Public Works Department
- 5) The Secretary to Government  
of Karnataka, Department of  
Municipal and Urban Development.
- 6) Karnataka State Pollution  
Control Board represented  
by its Chairman
- 7) The Deputy Commissioner  
and District Magistrate  
Bengaluru Urban District.
- 8) Bruhath Bengaluru Managara  
Palike represented by  
its Commissioner
- 9) Bangalore Water Supply and  
Sewerage Board its Chairman

...Respondents

  
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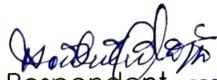
**REPLY CUM STATUS REPORT FILED BY THE 8<sup>TH</sup> RESPONDENT**

- 1) The eighth respondent is Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike presented by its Commissioner and this reply is filed by the Executive Engineer (SWD) Rajarajeswari Nagara Division, Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP)
- 2) This Respondent submits that a storm water drain comes under Hemmigeppura Ward No.198 of Yeshwanthapura Constituency in Rajarajeshwarinagara Zone of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike. The drain starts from the Nice Road junction of Banashankari 6<sup>th</sup> stage Bengaluru Development Authority lay out and joins Vrushubhavathi Valley passing through Krishnagarden Lay out and Concord Lay out.
- 3) In the month of October 2020 a complaint was received from local residents regarding change in the colour of the water that was flowing in the Storm water drain stating that the colour has changed into Yellow. On the basis of the above mentioned complaint upon which an inspection was conducted and it was noticed that Chemical effluent has been discharged illegally in the above said Storm Water Drain. Immediately the concerned issue was brought to the notice of the Pollution Control Board officials and watch and ward system was deployed by the Respondent's department to catch the culprits. Later a detailed letter was sent to the Head of the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and to the respective Officer in charge of the Rajarajeswari Nagara Zone of the Pollution Control Board.
- 4) Later on when the culprits came to dump the chemical effluents again in the Storm water drain they were caught by the local residents, but the culprits managed to escape and photograph of

  
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- the vehicles carrying effluents which were taken by the residents were sent to the Respondents department by the residents.
- 5) This Respondent registered a complaint in the local Police Station with the Photographs and was asked to take strict action against the culprits. This Respondent's department is regularly cleaning the Storm water drain and maintaining it. This Respondent has also taken steps to avoid such incidents and requested the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board which is the concerned department to take action and suitable steps to avoid such incidents.
- 6) This Respondent states that after the above mentioned incident till date no such complaints have been received by this Respondent's department.
- 7) This Respondent further states that it is also keeping a close watch at the place with its own staff to avoid such incidents.

Dated at Bengaluru on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021

  
Respondent  
**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
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Verification

I Shivaprasad H.M. Executive Engineer Rajarajeswari Nagara (SWD) Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike do hereby declare that what are all stated in Paragraphs 1 to 7 are true to the best of my knowledge, belief and information.

Verified at Bengaluru on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021

  
Respondent  
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