

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
EASTERN ZONE BENCH, KOLKATA**

Original Application No. 107/2024/EZ

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Applicant(s)

Versus

State of Odisha & ors.

Respondent(s)

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Sambalpur

Date-24/11/2024

By the Respondent No.2



Advocate



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**COUNTER AFFIDAVIT FILED ON BEHALF OF
THE RESPONDENT NO.2:**

I, Vedbhushan, aged about 29 years, S/o-
Somadatta, At present working as Commissioner,
Sambalpur Municipal Corporation, At- Durgapali,
Sambalpur Town, P.S.- Khetrajpur, Dist.- Sambalpur, do
hereby solemnly affirm and state as follows:

1. That, I am the Commissioner of Sambalpur
Municipal Corporation. I have gone through the petition
filed by the applicant and understood the same.
2. That, it may not be out of place to mention here
that on received representation under Annexure-I of the
complaint petition dated 04.02.2023, the Corporation
took immediate step for survey of open drain within its
territorial jurisdiction. After receiving the report, the

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Vedbhushan
Commissioner
Sambalpur Municipal Corporation

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**PRADIPTA KUMAR MOHANTI,
Notary, Cuttack Town
Regd.No-ON-04/1995**

office took steps for covering of the open drain within the territorial of Sambalpur Municipal Corporation.

3. That, due to General Election and restriction impose for election the covering of the open drain was interrupted. Immediately after lifting of ban impose by the Election Commission the corporation initiated the coverage with ought most care and as a primary duty towards the life of the general people.

4. That, from the joint report submitted by the committee, it could be clearly establish the drainage in front of the petitioner's residence has already been covered by the August, 2024.

5. That, in respect to allegation of human excreta, hospital effluents, garbage etc., which has already been delt in the inspection report of the Joint Committee. It is specifically stated that no garbage, dirt being carried in the drain. Copy of the inspection report is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE- A/2.

6. That, it is humbly submitted that as of now, the drainage has already been covered in the area where the applicant resides and the covering of the open drain in the other places of the corporation jurisdiction is under process.

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Vertical stamp:
Sambalpur Commissioner
Sambalpur Municipal Corporation
Sambalpur

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Notary, Cuttack Town
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7. That, the facts stated above are true to my knowledge based on official record.

Identified by
Koushik Pradhan
Advocate

Veeshushan
Deputy Commissioner
Sambalpur Municipal Corporation
Sambalpur

Cuttack
Dt 24/11/2024



Solemnly sworn before *Veeshushan*
me by..... *K.A. Prasad*
being identified by..... *K.A. Prasad*
at Cuttack Town Dated..... *24/11/2024*
24/11/2024
P.K. MOHANTY, Notary, Cuttack Town
Regd. No-ON-04/1995



Sambalpur Municipal Corporation
Sambalpur (Odisha)

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Letter No. 11041 /Jud/SMC

Date. 28.11.2024

To,
The Deputy Registrar,
National Green Tribunal
Eastern Zone Bench, Kolkata

Sub: - Submission of Action Report on Annexure-R1/4 of the affidavit of the Pollution Control Board in connection to Original Application No.107/2024/EZ. filed by Haripriya Patel, Applicant.

Ref: - Order dated 26.09.2024.

Sir,

With reference to the order cited above, I hereby submit the detailed Action Taken Report concerning Annexure-R1/4 of the affidavit submitted by the Pollution Control Board as follows:

1. The open drain in front of the residence of Smt. Haripriya Patel has been covered with concrete slabs to address the specific issue raised in the application (Photo Attached).
2. Regarding the covering of other open drains across areas under the jurisdiction of the Sambalpur Municipal Corporation (SMC)-: we have taken the covering of open drain as per the direction of the Hon'ble NGT. In addition to this, Sambalpur Municipal Corporation (SMC) has started process of drainage Master Plan to overcome the flooding of city during heavy rain fall due to inadequacy of size & availability of drains. A Consultant has been engaged to prepare the drainage Master Plan of the SMC area since 12.08.2024. The Consultant is doing the survey work and also collecting secondary data from different Departments concerned with SMC. Around 35% of the survey works has been completed and the full work including drainage Master Plan and DPR for execution of drainage work is programmed to be completed by 11.08.2025. Activity schedule/work plan for preparation of Drainage Master Plan is enclosed. As it is expected that major portion of the drain are likely to be renovated/re-constructed so putting cover slabs on the existing drain may be an infructuous expenditure. However, wherever there is possibility of accident due to non-coverage of drains we are covering those areas with cover slabs or barricading the both side of the drain.

This report is submitted for your kind consideration and further directives.

Encl: (i) Photo
(ii) Drainage Master Plan

Yours Faithfully

Commissioner
Sambalpur Municipal Corporation

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Saturday, 17.08.2024



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GPS Map
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WORK PLAN



ACTIVITY SCHEDULE/ WORK PLAN FOR PREPARATION OF COMPREHENSIVE STORM WATER DRAINAGE MASTER PLAN & DETAILED PROJECT REPORT FOR

Sl.No	ACTIVITY	MONTHS												
		Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	
1	MOBILIZATION OF STAFF & OFFICE SET UP													
2	INCEPTION & PLANNING													
3	SURVEY & INVESTIGATION													
4	PRELIMINARY REPORT/ CONCEPT PLAN													
5	DRAFT MASTER PLAN													
6	FINAL MASTER PLAN													
7	DRAFT DETAILED PROJECT REPORT (DPR)													
8	FINAL DETAILED PROJECT REPORT													
9	DETAILED PROJECT REPORT FOR ALL MAJOR OR PRIORITIZED DRAINS													
10	SUBMISSION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS													

START DATE : 12.08.2024
 DATE OF COMPLETION: 11.08.2025

ACTIVITY REPORT SUBMISSION

Vedhambary
 Municipal Commissioner
 Sambalpur Municipal Corporation
 Sambalpur