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Varanasi

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Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, New Delhi

OA No.- 429 of 2023

Titled:- Avinash Kumar Singh V/s State of U.P & Ors.

Additional Report

This Additional report is being filed in compliance with the orders dated 13.03.2024 of this Hon'ble Tribunal in OA No. 429 of 2023.

Remedial measures taken by Railway's to control Water, Air and Noise pollution caused by loading and unloading of clinker at Railway Goods shed situated near Deoria Sadar Railway Station:-

- 1. Plantation :-** In Deoria Goods shed 129 trees already exists apart from that approximately 100 plants towards south siding has been planted ([photo attached in annexure I](#)). Creeper plants (Madhu Malti) are also planted on boundary wall. In future, regular plantation would be regularly carried out. A mechanism is being developed to ensure that plants survive and become full grown trees with regular watering and maintenance whereby Railway and other staff will give monthly report regarding the condition and progress of trees (discussed in detail in point 9)
- 2. Raising of boundary walls :-** Southern boundary wall towards Garudpar Colony has now been raised up to 10 feet. Creeper plants have been planted near the boundary wall for mitigating the pollution ([photo attached in annexure II](#)).
- 3. Sprinkling of water on floor/road of Railway Goods siding:-** Permanent arrangements has been made for sprinkling of water on floor/road of Railway Goods siding after every loading/unloading of consignment ([photo attached in annexure III](#)). Sprinkling is done through multiple tankers which are permanently situated there.
- 4. Creeper plant:** - Approximately 60 Creeper plants (Madhu Malti) are planted on boundary wall ([photo attached in annexure IV](#)). 40 more plants will be planted in due course of time.
- 5. Construction of Pucca Road:-**The whole goods shed has concrete/pucca road/ wharf of about 18 meters ([photo attached in annexure v](#)), when compared to other goods sheds, Deoria Goods shed boast a very wide and well maintained pucca road (wharf) which helps in reducing dust from vehicular movements.

6. **Feasibility of covered shed** :-There is no need to construct covered goods shed because Goods are dispatched various location soon after loading/unloading the wagons. Similarly, consignments are directly loaded in the wagons from the vehicles carrying them. Covered Goods shed would hinder the movement of trucks and would in fact increases the movement of trucks.
7. **Restriction imposed by local administration** :- At presently district administration has disallowed movements of trucks/heavy vehicles from 07:00 AM to 09:00 PM. This restriction helps in reduce the pollution in Deoria Sadar.
8. **Proposal for World class Goods shed Siding at Ahilyapur** :- Ahilyapur Railway station is situated approximately 6 KM away from present Deoria Sadar Railway siding. The work for development of Ahilyapur goods siding is under process of approval in railway board. In BSB division, the same has been chosen as one of the goods shed for developing as world class goods shed in which Scope of work, GAD(General arrangements of drawing) & Master plan has been approved/finalized by the Division. This will decongest the traffic of Deoria Sadar goods shed.
9. **Monthly Reporting:** For continuous supervision of all the steps mentioned above, Goods Supervisor Office at DEOS is being nominated to give a Monthly report in form of a checklist. This checklist will include details of condition of plantation and its progress, condition of boundary walls, whether sprinkling was done after every loading and unloading or not, condition of Creeper plant and condition of pucca road. If any deficiencies found, immediate actions would be taken for its rectification. In order to monitor the quality of air on daily basis near Goods Shed, necessary technical equipment will be arranged in due course of time.

To summarize, it is to be humbly submitted that Railways administration is committed to make its goods shed compliant with all NGT guidelines & environmental precautions. The transportation of goods (Products) has played a major role to develop economy of the district as well as human welfare. In absence of a goods shed, the district would solely depend upon road transport for fulfilling the same requirement. One rake of goods train replaces 80 trucks from the road. Train movement, especially with about 94% electrification, mostly, is happening via electric engines which are far more environment friendly than road transport. Considering all the above facts about Deoria, the 100-year-old goods shed which is redeveloped recently and in future facility of new world class goods shed at Ahilyapur stations to be developed soon, all the steps that Railways has taken and proposing to take in near future, as listed above, it is humbly requested to consider the case in light of the above.

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Photographs of New Plantation



Photographs of raising of Boundary wall



Photographs of regular water sprinkling through tankers



Photographs of creeper plant(Madhu Malti) near Boundary wall



Photographs of Pucca Road

