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The Consultant (Judicial)
Hon'ble National Green Tribunal,
New Delhi

No: -Com.Secy/FE&E/UTL/02/ 246

Dated: - 22 /01/2024

Subject: Suo motu matter O.A 693/2023, - "Pollution Control Board are the weak link"-
regarding.

Sir,

In reference to directions dt: 23-11-2023, issued by Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in O.A. No. 693/2023, kindly find enclosed herewith the Report in the form of searchable PDF/OCR support PDF with respect to Ladakh Pollution Control Committee, UT of Ladakh.

The report may kindly be placed before Hon'ble NGT for consideration please.

Encl: Report (6 leaves)

Yours faithfully,

22/01/2023

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

Original Application No.693/2023

In re: News items appearing in Deccan Herald dt: 24-10-2023 titled
“Pollution Control Boards are the weak link”

**REPORT BY
ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH IN
COMPLIANCE TO ORDER DATED: 23/11/2023.**

1 The directions issued by the Hon’ble Tribunal as per order dated: **23.11.2023** are as below: -
“The above respondents are directed to file their reports showing the sanctioned strength and working strength of staff in the concerned SPCBs/PCCs, CPCB the ratio of administrative, Ministerial and Technical staff in the SPCBs/PCCs, CPCB and the regulating and monitoring facilities which are available with the SPCBs/PCCs/CPCB. In respect of laboratories, the report will disclose the sanctioned strength and present working strength of staff, the infrastructure which is available in the labs and further need for equipment and infrastructure in those labs and the provisions made in laboratories for enforcement and monitoring of hotspots in critically polluted areas. The report should also include the availability of budget and its sources and expenditure in last two years (2020-2021 and 2021-2022). Let these reports be submitted within a period of 8 weeks by e-mail at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF”.

2 In compliance to the aforesaid order, the Report of UT Ladakh is submitted as follows:

2.1. Sanctioned and working strength of staff including the ratio of administrative, ministerial and technical staff

- i. The Ladakh Pollution Control Committee (LPCC) was constituted on 25th March, 2021, with the concurrence of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. This includes the nomination of the Chairman and Member Secretary of LPCC, w.e.f. 25th September, 2021 (**copy enclosed as Annexure - I**).

Table 1: Nominated Posts

Name of the Post	Pay level	Sanctioned Strength	Actual Working Strength	Vacant Posts
Chairman	L15	1	1	0
Member Secretary	L13A	1	1	0

- ii. At the time of the bifurcation of the J&K State in to two UTs, the erstwhile State of J&K trasferred the below metioned posts to the LPCC, UT of Ladakh vide SRO 721 and 722 dt: 25th October, 2019 (**copy enclosed as Annexure - II**), it is pertinent to mention here that not even a single post of Scientific and Technical cadre was allotted to the LPCC, UT of Ladakh.

Table 2: Sanctioned Posts

Name of the Post	Pay level	Sanctioned Strength	Actual Working Strength	Vacant Posts
Regional Director	L13	1	1	0
Accounts Officer	L8	1	1	0
Assistant Director	L8	1	0	1
Assistant Director (P&S)	L8	-	-	-
Private Secretary	L8	1	0	1
Section Officer	L7	1	0	1
Assistant Accounts Officer	L7	1	1	0
Head Assistant	L6B	2	0	2
Statistical Assistant	L6B	1	0	1
Legal Assistant	L6E	1	1	0
Accounts Assistant	L5	1	1	0
Junior Assistant	L4	2	0	2
Driver	L2	1	0	1
Orderly	SL2	2	0	2
Total		16	5	11

Table 3: The Ratio of Administrative, Ministerial, and Technical Staff.

Administrative staff	Ministerial Staff	Technical Staff	Ratio of Administrative, Ministerial, and Technical Staff
3	4	0	3:4:0

2.2. Regulating and monitoring facilities available along with the sanctioned strength and present working strength of the staff of labs.

- i The Ladakh Pollution Control Committee (LPCC) is currently granting consent (CTE/CTO) to Unitholders/HCFs etc., as per Uniform Consent Mechanism (UCM) guidelines through e-Office and the LPCC is in the process of development of Online Consent Management & Monitoring System (OCMMS) for which the matter has already been taken up with NIC New Delhi.
- ii In terms of monitoring procedures, the LPCC conducts inspections to ensure regulatory compliance and emphasizes the installation of pollution control devices. Notably, the LPCC currently has adequate Respirable Dust Samplers (PM 10 & PM 2.5) and Noise meters. LPCC has submitted proposal to CPCB New Delhi for installation of two numbers of the Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station (CAAQMS) at Leh and Kargil Towns respectively.
- iii At present, One Senior Scientific Officer, of erstwhile J&K PCB opted for the Union Territory of Ladakh, and who is currently working with LPCC as a technical and trained person. The other positions mentioned in Table 4 are held by 12 numbers of outsourced employees, and their engagements have been duly approved by the Committee for the Ladakh Pollution Control Committee (LPCC) in the Union Territory of Ladakh.
- iv Further, a proposal to create bare minimum Technical Staff was placed before the board meeting of Committee during the 2nd Ladakh Pollution Control Committee meeting held on 18 January, 2023, and the proposal stands approved. Accordingly, LPCC as per the guidelines of Ministry of Expenditure, GoI prepared checklist for creation of posts and submitted to Finance Department for concurrence and for its further submission to Ministry of Home Affairs for approval of posts for recruitment.

Table 4: Employee of erstwhile JKPCB and Outsourced Employees working in LPCC as on date:

S. No.	Name of the Post	Pay level	Actual Working Strength	Remarks
1.	Senior Scientific Officer	L8A	1	Senior Scientific Officer, an employee of erstwhile J&K PCB, opted to work in the UT of Ladakh who is working as District Officer Leh.
2.	Consultant		2	Outsourced
3.	Statistical Assistant		1	Outsourced
4.	Junior Assistant		2	Outsourced
5.	Computer Operator		2	Outsourced
6.	Field Attendant		1	Outsourced
7.	Driver		2	Outsourced
8.	MTS		2	Outsourced
Total No:			12	

1.1 The infrastructure available in the labs and further need for equipment and infrastructure in those labs.

- i The Ladakh Pollution Control Committee (LPCC) has constructed new office cum laboratory building in the year 2023. While laboratory facilities are currently pending, a formal proposal has been diligently submitted to the CPCB for vetting and technical inputs. For the procurement of essential laboratory equipment, tenders have also been duly floated.

Table 5: The Laboratory equipment already available with Ladakh Pollution Control Committee, as on date:

S. No.	Name of the equipment	Qty.	Year of Procurement	Remarks
1.	Reparable Dust Sampler (P.M. 2.5 & P.M 10)	07	2008	In use during the summer season.
2.	BOD Incubator	01	2009	-
3.	Muffle Furnace	01	2009	-
4.	Conductivity Meter	01	2009	-
5.	Oven	01	2009	-
6.	pH Meter	01	2009	-
7.	Noise Level Meter	15	2022	Distributed to the Departments as per their requirement.
8.	Noise Level Meter	10	2023	Requirements by various departments received and to be distributed accordingly.

1.2 The provisions made in laboratories for enforcement and monitoring of hotspots in critically polluted areas.

As per the information available, there is no critically polluted area in UT of Ladakh.

1.3 The availability of budget and its sources and expenditure in last two years (2020-2021 and 2021- 2022).

Table6: Budget allotted to Ladakh Pollution Control Committee, UT of Ladakh.

Budget for the financial Year 2020-2021			
Sources/Scheme	Allocated Budget (Rs in Lakhs)	Expenditure (Rs in Lakhs)	Surrendered (Rs in Lakhs)
Special Development Package(SDP)	115 lakhs	Nil	115 Lakhs
Budget for the financial Year 2021-2022			
Sources/Schemes	Allocated Budget (Rs in Lakhs)	Expenditure (Rs in Lakhs)	Surrendered (Rs in Lakhs)
Special Development Package(SDP)	200 lakhs	26.34 lakhs	173.66 lakhs

Hence the report is submitted for the consideration of the Hon'ble NGT.



16/01/2023

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