

BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL

WESTERN ZONE BENCH, PUNE

ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 89 OF 2023

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...APPLICANT

Versus

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HOSPITAL & OTHERS**

...RESPONDENTS

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**REJOINDER ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT, TO THE REPLY
AFFIDAVIT FILED BY RESPONDENT NO. 1, GOVERNMENT
MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL**

Most Respectfully Showeth :

1. That the above titled application has been filed under Section 14, 15, and 20 of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010, pertains to the substantial issue of environment due to Respondent No. 1 is Government Medical College and Hospital, running without valid consent from Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, also operating the hospital without obtaining valid bio-medical waste authorization and discharging untreated waste water into the municipal corporation drain with the due knowledge and collusion of the regulatory agencies and with the permanent, irreversible damage caused to the environment.
2. That the instant Rejoinder is being filed by the Applicant in the aforementioned matter to refute the averments made by the Respondent No. 1, in its Reply dated 06.09.2023.
3. It is submitted that the answering Respondent No. 1 has mechanically filed said Reply without application of mind. Hence, it is submitted that the averments and allegations mentioned in reply of the Respondent No.

1 are denied in toto unless it is specifically admitted or reiterated hereunder and no part of the same may be deemed to have been admitted otherwise.

PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION:

4. That, it is further submitted that, the Respondent No. 1 has filed the said reply along with various Marathi documents and while going through the reply the English translation of Marathi documents are missing.
5. Further said reply is not filed on NGT Portal as per the process. Hence this reply should not be considered.
6. That, inspite of said Original Application is filed against the Respondent No. 1, the Respondent No. 1 till date failed to comply the non-compliances mentioned on the Warning Notice dated 29.12.2022 the issued by the Respondent No. 4 as follows:-
 - i) 315 Bedded Multi specialty Hospital found in operation.
 - ii) You have not obtained membership of CBMWTSDf for 315 beds membership of CBMWTSDf only for 120 Beds obtained and found occupied 315 beds.
 - iii) You have not obtained Registration for 315 beds. Hospital was registered on 1995 for 260 Beds.
 - iv) You have not provided Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) STP. As untreated effluent is being discharged into corporation sewer line.
 - v) You have not provided colour coded bags as per specifications of BMW Rules. Colour coded bags provided for segregation (Source). Black colour coded (MSW) found less. Hospital authority shall segregate and make arrangement for the scientific storage of Municipal Solid Waste.
 - vi) You have not provided Biohazard symbol on colour coded bags provided for segregation.

- vii) You have not submitted Bio medical waste annual report.
- viii) You have not deposited the Consent & BMW fees. Earlier Instructed to the hospital authority to submit the fees Rs. 6,25,000/- but, Hospital authority requested to exempt them as the hospital is a Government Hospital.
- ix) You have not provided scientific provision for storages of BMW & non-hazardous waste.
- x) You have not submitted reply to Warning Notice of SRO, Sangli.

7. That, it pertaining to note that, the Respondent No. 3 have issued Proposed Direction dated 07.09.2023 under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 has notified the Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2016 and Section 33A of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 33A of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, to the Respondent No. 1 but till date the Respondent No. 1 have not submitted any reply to the said Proposed Direction dated 07.09.2023 issued by the Respondent No. 3, which shows that inspite the said Original Application is filed against the Respondent No. 1 the Respondent No. 1 is not willing to take appropriate measures to comply the non-compliances.

REJOINDER TO PARA-WISE REPLY:

- 8. That para "6" are false and fabricated and it is denied by the Applicant. That the Respondent No. 1 has stated that the proposed work of STP is under proposal with Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran, Sangli but till date tender notice is not issued which shows that there is complete failure on the part of Respondent No. 1.
- 9. That para "8" are false and fabricated and it is denied by the Applicant. That the Respondent No. 1 has stated that, for cleanliness and disposal of biomedical waste the Respondent No. 1 has outsource the work and appointed M/s. Son House Mumbai but the Respondent No. 1 has failed

to comply non compliances mentioned warning notice dated 12.12.2022 issued by Respondent No. 4. Further the Respondent No. 1 failed to submit any compliance report with respect to the warning notice dated 12.12.2022 also failed to submit any photographs which showing that this entire non-compliance are compiled by the Respondent No. 1 which means till date there are severe non-compliances of Biomedical Waste Management Rules 2016 by the Respondent No. 1, and hence this shows that the careless attitude of Respondent No. 1 towards the environment.

10. That para "13" are false and fabricated and it is denied by the Applicant. The Respondent No. 1 herein is clearly violating the environmental laws and operating the said hospital without having necessary consent and permission from the respective authorities. Also violated Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2016, as well as Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.
11. The Respondent No. 1 has failed to apply for Combined Consent and Authorisation due to its own negligence and careless attitude towards his duty to comply the environmental norms.

Therefore it is humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Tribunal may be pleased to rejoiner filed by the rejoiner on behalf of the Applicant, to the reply affidavit filed by Respondent No. 1, and grant the prayers in original application, and pass such further or other orders in the interest of environmental justice.

Place: Sangli

Date: 29.11.2023



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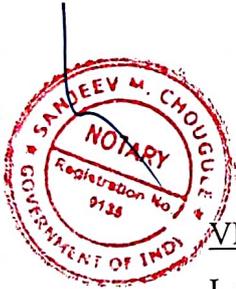
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AFFIDAVIT

I, Ravindra Kuber Walawade, aged 58 years, Occ: Business, R/o. 1616, Daulat apartment, Ganeshnagar, road no. 4, Sangli 416416, Maharashtra, do hereby make an oath to swear as under –

1. That I am the sole Applicant in the present Original Application and I am well conversant with the facts and circumstance of the case and competent to file this affidavit.
2. The accompanying rejoinder to the Reply affidavit filed by Respondent No. 1 has been drafted under my instruction and the facts mentioned therein are true to my knowledge and the records obtained.



VERIFICATION

I, the above named deponent do hereby verify that the contents of Para 1 and 2 of the above affidavit are true to my knowledge.

Hence signed and verified at Sangli on this 29th day of November 2023.

[Signature]

ADVOCATE FOR THE APPLICANT

[Signature]

DEPONENT

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Solely affirmed
BEFORE ME

Adv. S. M. Chougule
Notary Government of India
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