

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL,
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

Original Application No. 693/2023

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Delhi Pollution Control Committee

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**STATUS REPORT ON BEHALF OF DELHI POLLUTION
CONTROL COMMITTEE IN TERMS OF THIS HON'BLE
TRIBUNAL'S ORDER DATED 10.04.2026.**

I, Pawan Kumar Jayant, Administrative Officer, Delhi Pollution Control Committee, 3rd Floor, Block-A, IT Park, Shastri Park, Delhi- 110053, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as under:

1. That, I am working as Administrative Officer, Delhi Pollution Control Committee and am conversant with the facts of the present case on the basis of record maintained by Delhi Pollution Control Committee in its ordinary course.
2. That, in the above captioned Original Application this Hon'ble Tribunal is considering the issue of filling up of the vacant posts in the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) and Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and also creation of adequate infrastructure therein.
3. That, this Hon'ble Tribunal took up the above referred matter on 10.04.2026 and please to pass the following directions: -



6. A perusal of the above tables reveal that the PCBs and PCCs do not have the requisite facilities and in almost all the PCBs/PCCs the gaps are existing. Hence, we require each of the PCBs/PCCs to respond to the above disclosure of the CPCB and point out the reason for not having the optimum prescribed facilities. Let the response affidavit be filed within four weeks. The Applicant also seeks four weeks' time to file the objection to the report of the CPCB....."

4. That, the information with regards to strength of personnel's in DPCC as per format provided by CPCB is enclosed herewith as ANNEXURE-1.
5. That, the information with regards to status of water lab infrastructure in DPCC as per format provided by CPCB is enclosed herewith as ANNEXURE-2.
6. That, as far as Air Lab is concerned DPCC presently has 30 CAAQMS in different location of Delhi and 31 Noise Monitoring stations to monitor noise level.
7. It is therefore requested to this Hon'ble Tribunal that the present status report may kindly be taken on record.

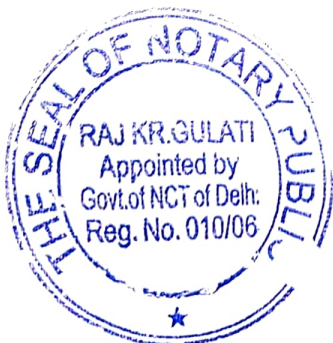


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VERIFICATION

I, the above-named deponent, declare the contents of the present affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge based upon the documents and records available in the office and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

Verified at New Delhi on this 16th day of July, 2026.



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PART A: STATUS OF FILLING OF VACANT POSTS

ANNEXURE-1

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S. No	Name of State Pollution Control Board / Pollution Control Committee	Category of Post					Action Taken (Approval of the Govt., Engagement agency, Advertisement, Exam date etc.)	The time line by which the vacancy will be filled (in months)
			Sanctioned	Filled posts as on 30.06.2026	Vacancy as on 30.06.2026	Details of vacancies in number as on 30.06.2026		
1	Delhi Pollution Control Committee	Scientific	31	21	10	a) Direct: 01	(i) Scientific Assistant: 01 • A fresh requisition will be sent to Delhi Subordinate Services Selection Board (DSSSB), as the earlier selected candidate did not join Delhi Pollution Control Committee.	(ii) Scientific Assistant: 01 • 09 Months
			a) 17 b) 13 c) 01	a) 16 b) 04 c) 01	a) 01 b) 09 c) 00	b) Promotion : 09	(i) Senior Scientist L-II (Scientist-D) – 01 (ii) Senior Scientist L-I (Scientist-C) – 02 (iii) Scientist-B – 01 (iv) Scientific Assistant-03 (v) Sr. Lab Assistant – 02 The details w.r.t. (i) to (v) are as under: • No incumbent will be eligible for promotion in near future, therefore, these posts are being filled up through deputation where the mode of recruitment is “by Promotion failing which by deputation”. • DPCC has made efforts twelve times since 31.07.2024 by floating open advertisements to fill up these posts on deputation basis. Recruitment process is under way. • Re-advertisement shall continue to be published on rolling basis till filling up these vacancies.	(i) Senior Scientist L-II (Scientist-D) – 01 (ii) Senior Scientist L-I (Scientist-C) – 02 (iii) Scientist-B – 01 (iv) Scientific Assistant-03 (v) Sr. Lab Assistant – 02 The timeline w.r.t. (i) to (v) is as under: • 03 Months

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2	Engineering	152	118	34	a) Direct:	12	(i) Senior Environmental Engineer - 05 (a) 01 Post :- - Provisional Appointment Order was issued on 22.12.2025. - The candidate has sought extension time for joining. - The candidate is expected to join shortly. (b) 04 Posts : - No suitable candidate was found during the earlier recruitment process. - The recruitment process is being undertaken afresh. (ii) Assistant Environmental Engineer - 05 - Offer of appointment / appointment order issued to the shortlisted candidates from the list of "Non Recommended Candidates" of Engineering Services Examination (ESE)-2023 conducted by UPSC. - The candidates are expected to join shortly. (iii) Junior Environmental Engineer - 02 - Offer of appointment / appointment order to be issued to the shortlisted candidates from the list of "Non-Recommended Willing Candidates of Junior Engineer Exam., 2024, conducted by Staff Selection Commission (SSC). - The candidates are expected to join shortly.	(i) Senior Environmental Engineer - 05 (a) 01 Post - 01 Months (b) 04 Post - 06 Months (ii) Assistant Environmental Engineer - 05 03 Months (iii) Junior Environmental Engineer -02 03 Months
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b) Promotion : 19

- (i) Senior Environmental Engineer – 03
(ii) Environmental Engineer - 13

The details w.r.t. (i) to (ii) are as under:

- No incumbent will be eligible / become fit for promotion in near future, therefore, these posts are being filled up through deputation where the mode of recruitment is “by Promotion failing which by deputation”.
- DPCC has made efforts twelve times since 31.07.2024 by floating open advertisements to fill up these posts on deputation basis.
- Re-advertisement shall continue to be published on rolling basis till filling up these vacancies.
- Additionally, it is stated that 01 candidate has been selected for the post of Environmental Engineer on deputation basis by Departmental Selection Committee (DSC) and appointment order to be issued shortly.

- (iii) Assistant Environmental Engineer – 03

- No incumbent will be eligible for promotion for a long period (approx. 5-6 years), therefore, these posts are being filled up through Direct Recruitment as per RRs i.e. “by Promotion failing which by Direct Recruitment” by adopting similar procedure through list of “Non Recommended Candidate” of Engineering Services Examination (ESE)-2023 conducted by UPSC.

- (i) Senior Environmental Engineer – 03
(ii) Environmental Engineer - 13

The timeline w.r.t. (i) to (iii) is as under:

- 03 Months

- (iii) Assistant Environmental Engineer – 03

- 06 Months

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- No suitable candidate was found during the aforesaid recruitment process.
- The recruitment process is being undertaken afresh.

c) Deputation:

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(i) Environmental Engineer – 02

- Since, the post could not be filled up through deputation despite several efforts, therefore, as per the Recruitment Rules (RRs), this post is being filled up through Direct Recruitment by published open advertisements.
- No suitable candidate was found during the earlier recruitment process.
- The recruitment process is being undertaken afresh.

(i) Environmental Engineer – 02

(a) 02 Post –

- 06 Months

(ii) System Analyst – 01

- The post has recently become vacant as the incumbent has been repatriated vide letter dated 24.06.2026.
- Advertisement again shall be published on rolling basis till filling up this vacancy.

(ii) System Analyst – 01

- 03 Months

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- a) 98
- b) 57
- c) 06

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- a) 98
- b) 56
- c) 06

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- a) 00
- b) 01
- c) 00

a) Direct:

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b) Promotion :

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Assistant Law Officer – 01

- No incumbent will be eligible / become fit for promotion in near future, therefore, these posts are being filled up through deputation.
- Re-advertisement shall continue to be published on rolling basis till filling up this vacancy.

03 months

c) Deputation:

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LABORATORY ANALYTICAL FACILITIES

Name of the Board / Committee: DPCC LABORATORY

Updated data for Water

Lab

PART I: Facility available for monitoring of environmental parameters:

S. No.	Parameters	Facilities Available (Yes / No)	If facility is not available, Specify Timeline for addition of this parameter. (in months)	Action Taken for addition of this parameter (Specification finalized / procurement initiated / work awarded / outsourced)
A. Sample Matrix / Group of Water and Wastewater				
(a) Physical Tests				
1	Temperature	Yes		
2	Colour	Yes		
3	pH	Yes		
4	Turbidity	Yes		
5	Conductivity	Yes		
6	Total Solids	Yes		
7	Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	Yes		
8	Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	Yes		
(b) Inorganic Tests				
(i) General & Non-metallic				
1	Alkalinity	Yes		
2	Chloride	Yes		
3	Cyanide	No	12 Months	Process initiated
4	Dissolved oxygen	Yes		
5	Nitrite nitrogen	Yes		
6	Nitrate nitrogen	Yes		
7	Ammonical nitrogen	Yes		
8	Fluoride	Yes		
9	Hardness (Total)	Yes		
10	Calcium	Yes		
11	Magnesium	Yes		
12	Phosphate	Yes		
13	Sulphate	Yes		

14	Sulphide	Yes		
15	Total Residual chlorine (TRC)	Yes		
(ii) Trace Metals Tests				
1	Aluminium (Al)	No	6 Months	Procurement initiated
2	Arsenic (As) Total	No	6 Months	Procurement initiated
3	Barium	No	6 Months	Procurement initiated
4	Boron	No	6 Months	Procurement initiated
5	Chromium (Cr) Hexavalent	No	6 Months	Procurement initiated
6	Chromium (Cr) Total	No	6 Months	Procurement initiated
7	Cadmium (Cd)	No	6 Months	Procurement initiated
8	Cobalt (Co)	No	6 Months	Procurement initiated
9	Copper (Cu)	No	6 Months	Procurement initiated
10	Iron (Fe)	No	6 Months	Procurement initiated
11	Lead (Pb)	No	6 Months	Procurement initiated
12	Manganese (Mn)	No	6 Months	Procurement initiated
13	Mercury (Hg)	No	6 Months	Procurement initiated
14	Nickel (Ni)	No	6 Months	Procurement initiated
15	Potassium (K)	No	6 Months	Procurement initiated
16	Sodium (Na)	No	6 Months	Procurement initiated
17	Vanadium (V)	No	6 Months	Procurement initiated
18	Zinc (Zn)	No	6 Months	Procurement initiated
19	Selenium (Se)	No	6 Months	Procurement initiated
(c) Organics (General) and Trace Organics Tests				
1	Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD)	Yes		

2	Chemical oxygen demand (COD)	Yes		
3	Oil & Grease	Yes		
4	Phenolic Compounds as C ₆ H ₅ OH	No	12 Months	Process initiated
5	Benzopyrene	No	12 Months	Process initiated
6	Pesticides			
6.a	Organochlorine Pesticides (OCPs) Tests			
i	Aldrin	No	12 Months	Process initiated
ii	Alpha Endosulphan	No	12 Months	Process initiated
iii	p,p'-DDT	No	12 Months	Process initiated
iv	Alpha-HCH	No	12 Months	Process initiated
v	Beta HCH	No	12 Months	Process initiated
vi	Beta Endosulphan	No	12 Months	Process initiated
vii	Gama-HCH	No	12 Months	Process initiated
viii	o,p'-DDT	No	12 Months	Process initiated
ix	p,p'-DDE	No	12 Months	Process initiated
6.b	Organophosphorus Pesticides (OPPs) Tests			
i	Malathion	No	12 Months	Process initiated
ii	Methyl parathion	No	12 Months	Process initiated
iii	Chlorpyrifos	No	12 Months	Process initiated
iv	Dimethoate	No	12 Months	Process initiated
v	Dieldrin	No	12 Months	Process initiated
vi	Ethion	No	12 Months	Process initiated
(d) Microbiological Tests				
1	Total Coliform	Yes		
2	Faecal Coliform	Yes		
3	E. Coli	Yes		
4	Faecal Streptococci	Yes		
(e) Toxicological Tests				
1	Bioassay method for evaluation of toxicity using fish (90% survival of fish after 96 hrs in 100% effluent)	Yes		
B. Sample Matrix / Group of Solid / Solid Waste				
(a) Soil / Sediment / Compost Tests				
1	Cation Exchange Capacity (CEC)	No	12 Months	Process initiated
2	Electrical Conductivity (EC)	No	12 Months	Process initiated
3	Organic carbon (Chemical Method)	No	12 Months	Process initiated

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4	pH	No	12 Months	Process initiated
5	Soil moisture	No	12 Months	Process initiated
6	Total nitrogen	Yes		
7	Metals by digestion (As, Cd, Cr, Pb, Ni etc.)	No	12 Months	Process initiated
(b) Hazardous Waste (Liquid / Slurry / Sludge / Solid / Semi-Solid) Tests				
1	Corrosivity	No	12 Months	Process initiated
2	Ignitability (Flash Point)	No	12 Months	Process initiated
3	Loss on Drying at 1050C (% Moisture Content)	No	12 Months	Process initiated
4	Loss on Drying at 5500C (% Organic Content)	No	12 Months	Process initiated
5	pH	No	12 Months	Process initiated
6	Organic carbon/matter (Chemical Method)	No	12 Months	Process initiated
7	Calorific Value	No	12 Months	Process initiated
8	Toxicity Characteristics leaching procedure (TCLP) Leachate and Metals in Leachate (As,Cd,Cr, Pb, Ni)	No	12 Months	Process initiated

PART II: Details of Laboratory Infrastructure (Instruments and Equipment)

S. No.	Name of Instrument / Equipments	Available Yes / No	If the Instrument / Equipment is not available, Specify Timeline for procurement of this instrument (in months)	Action Taken for procurement of this Instrument / Equipment (Specification finalized / procurement initiated / work awarded / outsourced)
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A. List of Instruments / Equipment for Sampling of Water, Wastewater and Soil / Hazardous Wastes**a) Mandatory Requirements**

1	Portable / Pen type pH meter / pH strip	Yes		
2	Portable Dissolved Oxygen Meter / Field Fixing using chemicals	Yes		
3	Electrical Conductivity meter pen type	Yes		
4	Flow meter / Physical flow measuring	Yes		
5	GPS / Mobile with GPS app	Yes		
6	Ice Box (2 nos.) (150 litre & 100 litre capacities)	Yes		
7	Thermometer	Yes		
8	Stainless steel bucket with nylon rope and mug	Yes		
9	Ground water level measuring device	No	4 Months	Process initiated
10	Scoop / shovel	No	4 Months	Process initiated
11	Auger / core sampler	No	4 Months	Process initiated

b) Optional Requirements

1	Bottom Sampler / Depth sampler	No	6 Months	Process initiated
2	Chloroscope for residual chlorine	No	6 Months	Process initiated
3	Vandorn or equivalent water sampler (Automatic sampler when composite sampling to be done)	No	12 Months	Process initiated
4	Ekman Dredge	No	12 Months	Process initiated

C. List of Equipment required for processing of Environmental Samples:**a) Mandatory Requirements**

1	Accelerated Solvent Extraction (ASE) System	No	6 Months	Process initiated
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2	Ammonia distillation assembly/TKN Analyzer	Yes		
3	Analytical Balance 4/5 digit & 6 digit (Digital)	Yes		
4	Aquarium for Toxicity bioassay test with complete accessories (*4 Nos)	Yes		
5	Autoclave (*2 Nos)	Yes		
6	Bacteriological Incubators Stainless steel (*2 Nos)	Yes		
7	Bio safety cabinets	Yes		
8	BOD Incubators (2 nos.)	Yes		
9	Centrifuge	No	6 Months	Process initiated
10	COD Digestion heated Blocks (2) with capacity 16 nos. or more	Yes		
11	Cyanide Distillation Assembly (3)	No	6 Months	Process initiated
12	Deep Freezer- Capacity 500 litre	Yes		
13	Laboratory Ball Mill Grinder	No	6 Months	Process initiated
14	Laboratory Grinder	No	6 Months	Process initiated
15	Laminar Flow bench for Microbiological analysis	Yes		
16	Magnetic Stirrer with heating system (*2 Nos)	Yes		
17	Mechanical Shaker	No	6 Months	Process initiated
18	Membrane Filtration assembly with vacuum pump (2 nos.)	No	6 Months	Process initiated
19	Microbial culture refrigerator	Yes		
20	Microwave Digester with 16 vessels/ Hot Plate	Yes		Hot plate is available

21	Muffle Furnace (*1 Nos), Range 1200 C	Yes		
22	Phenol distillation assembly (3)	No	6 Months	Process initiated
23	Plate counter, Manual/Automatic	Yes		
24	Digestion Chambers/ Fume hood	Yes		
25	Digital Thermometer & Humidity meter- All lab area	Yes		
26	Dispensers (Various capacities) up to 5, 10, 25 & 50 ml	Yes		
27	Filtration Assembly with vacuum pump	Yes		
28	Fluoride Distillation Assembly (3)	No	12 Months	Process initiated
29	Arsenic / Fluoride Glass Distillation assemblies	No	12 Months	Process initiated
30	Glass Double Distillation Assembly /Water Purification System	Yes		
31	Heating mantles (2 nos.)	Yes		
32	Hot plates (small, Medium and Large) (*2 nos.)	Yes		
33	Thermo Hygrometer	No	6 Months	Process initiated
34	Imhoff Cone	Yes		
35	Top loading Precision Digital Balance (minimum detection 0.001mg/0.01 mg) with anti-vibration facility- 3 nos. i.e 4/5 Digit (2 nos), - 6 Digit (1 no)	Yes		
36	Refrigerators Big Size 300 litres or more, double door- 2 nos.	Yes		
37	Rotary Evaporator (Buchi type) with	Yes		

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	water recirculating chiller			
38	Separating funnel shaker	Yes		
39	Soxhlet Apparatus	Yes		
40	Solid Phase Extraction (SPE) /SPME Extraction system	No	12 Months	Process initiated
41	Thermometer (Alcohol)	Yes		
42	Dry & wet bulb Thermometer	No	6 Months	Process initiated
43	Toxicity characteristic leaching procedure (TCLP) Extractors (Zero head and Bottle)	Yes		
44	Ultra sonic water bath- Capacity 3 litre	Yes		
45	Water Bath with temperature control (*2 Nos)	Yes		
46	Water Bath with temp. for mercury sample digestion- 20 BOD Bottles	No	12 Months	Process initiated
D. Analytical Instruments at Environmental Laboratories				
a) Mandatory Requirements				
1	Atomic Absorption spectrometer (AAS)- Flame, Hydride & Graphite Tube Atomizer (GTA)	Non-functional	6 Months	Process initiated
2	Binocular Stereo Zoom Microscope	No	12 Months	Process initiated
3	Bomb Calorimeter	No	12 Months	Process initiated
4	BTX Analyzer with BTX calibrator	No	12 Months	AIR LAB
5	Colony counter	Yes		
6	Conductivity meter- 2 nos.	Yes		
7	Environment conditioning chamber	No	12 Months	Process initiated

8	Digital Burettes- 50 ml*2, 100 ml*2	No	6 Months	Process initiated
9	Dissolved Oxygen Meter (Bench model)	Yes		
10	Flame Photometer	Yes		
11	Flash Point Apparatus	Yes		
12	Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer	Yes		
13	High Performance Liquid Chromatograph (HPLC)	No	12 Months	Process initiated
14	Inductively Coupled Plasma (ICP) Spectrometer-OES	No	12 Months	Process initiated
15	Ion Chromatograph Anion & Cations	No	12 Months	Process initiated
16	Methane and Non Methane (NMHC) Analyzer	No	12 Months	AIR LAB
17	Microscope – 100x	No	12 Months	Process initiated
18	Microscope Binocular Research	No	12 Months	Process initiated
19	CO (NDIR based) Analyzer	No	12 Months	AIR LAB
20	Nephelometer (Turbidity Meter)	Yes		
21	pH-Meter with combined electrode (3 point)- 2 nos.	Yes		
22	Specific ion Analyzer with ion selective electrodes	No	12 Months	Process initiated
23	Spectrophotometer Visible (Portable)	No	12 Months	Process initiated
24	TKN Analyzer semi-automatic with aluminum block digester	Yes		
25	UV-Vis Spectrophotometer	Yes		
26	Moisture Content Analyzer	Yes		
b) Optional Requirements				

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1	Automatic Titration Assembly	No	12 Months	Process initiated
2	Carbon, Hydrogen, Nitrogen and Sulphur (CHNS) Elemental Analyzer	No	12 Months	Process initiated
3	EDXRF Analyzer/WDXRF Analyzer	No	12 Months	Process initiated
4	Fourier-transform infrared Spectrometer (FTIR)	No	12 Months	Process initiated
5	Flocculator (Jar testing apparatus)	No	12 Months	Process initiated
6	Toxic Gas Analyzer	No	12 Months	Process initiated
7	Organic Halogen (AOX/TOX) Analyzer	No	12 Months	Process initiated
8	TOC Analyzer	Yes		
9	High Resolution Mass Spectrometer (HRGC-HRMS)	No	12 Months	AIR LAB
10	Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass (ICP-MS) Spectrometer	No	6 Months	Procurement initiated
11	X Ray Fluorescence (XRF) Spectrometer (Portable)	No	12 Months	Process initiated