

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, CENTRAL ZONAL BENCH,  
BHOPAL**

**Original Application No. 63/2015 (CZ)**

**Paryavaran Avam Manav Sanrakshan Samiti Vs. Union of India & 4 Ors.**

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DALIP SINGH, JUDICIAL MEMBER  
HON'BLE PROF. A.R. YOUSUF, EXPERT MEMBER**

**PRESENT : Applicant: None**  
**MPPCB : Ms. Parul Bhadoria, Advocate for  
Shri Purushaindra Kaurav, Advocate**

<b>Date and Remarks</b>	<b>Order of the Tribunal</b>
<b>Order No.3</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> November, 2015</b>	<p>Vide order dtd. 05.10.2015 in this Original Application instruction had been given to the MPPCB for calling a meeting of all stakeholders for the purposes of making the shrine and the area around known as Masamand Mama on the bank of Bihar river in District Rewa (M.P.) pollution free, the shrine is revered and frequented by large number of people and as a result thereof lot of MSW is generated which creates pollution in the river as well as in the area around the shrine. It was further submitted that the area is rural belt having no municipality for taking care of the removal of the MSW from the said place for its proper disposal. Certain issues had been identified including placing of dustbins, display boards to create awareness among the people against the use of poly carry bags by sensitising the consumers as well as the shop keepers for providing <i>pooja samagri</i> and <i>prashad</i> only in biodegradable bags in place of poly carry bags and asking the local body i.e Gram Panchayat to spread awareness in the general public. For this purpose, the MPPCB and the local body (Gram Panchayat) and the representatives of M/s J.P. Cement were invited for participating and giving their contribution towards these efforts. Today a report by way of reply has been filed by the MPPCB. The same is ordered to be taken on record.</p> <p>As per the reply a meeting was held on 16.10.2015 which has been preceded by an earlier meeting i.e. on 10.09.2015. This meeting was attended by the stakeholders including poojari, shop keepers, local residents and representatives of M/s J.P. Cement as well as by the R.O.,</p>

MPPCB at Rewa who co-ordinated and conducted this meeting.

Issues pertaining to pollution of the river and the area around the shrine were discussed and people sensitised regarding the proper disposal of MSW and against use of poly carry bags and its adverse impact on the environment.

It is submitted that after the said meeting the following tasks have been undertaken (1) placing of the dustbins in and around the temple premises (2) placing of display board (four in numbers) in the temple premises as well as on the ghat for creating awareness against environment pollution both for the river as well as the area around (3) distribution of biodegradable carry bags in place of poly carry bags such as those made out of jute, woven fibre for providing the prashad samagri and other items. Awareness was also created against use of poly carry bags (4) the Sarpanch and the Secretary of the Gram Panchayat, Poojari, local residents have taken the responsibility and assured that they would carry out the cleanliness in the area and general maintenance of the area regularly and also this effort would be carried out and extended. Photographs have been placed on record about the steps taken regarding the display boards as well as the dustbins, the use of eco-friendly carry bags such as woven bags in place of poly carry bags in the shops.

We appreciate the steps. We still feel that more is required to be done as from the photographs which was filed by the Applicant amongst the other kind of pollutants and which comprise the MSW are the Pattal, Dona and Plastic Cups used for drinking tea which are thrown and enter into the river. Using eco-friendly cups instead of ones made out of thermocol and plastic needs to be taken care of. While the steps taken by the Gram Panchayat and the local residents and shop keepers are commendable, the efforts made in this behalf by the MPPCB are also commendable but they need to take it up on a regular basis, at least once in 3 months visit the area to find out the situation and also guide the local bodies i.e Gram Panchayat for these efforts which are being made.

Accordingly, this Original Application No. 63/2015 stand disposed of. The Applicant has not appeared today. We give the Applicant right to submit before us in case any further directions are required or efforts are in sufficient which have taken so far.

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(DALIP SINGH)

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(PROF. A.R. YOUSUF)

