

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

Original Application No. 348/2024

News Item titled "Bengaluru stadium to get treated water supply for IPL matches amid crisis" appearing in India Today dated 21.03.2024

Date of hearing: 02.05.2024

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

Respondent: Mr. Devraj Ashok, Adv. for KSPCB (Through VC)
Mr. Shrinivas B.S., Adv. for R - 2
Mr. Darpan K.M & Mr. Rajat Jonathan Shaw, Advs. for R - 3
Mr. Vishwaditya Sharma & Mr. Balaji Srinivasan, Advs. for R - 4

ORDER

1. In this Original Application, registered *suo-moto* on the basis of the news item, the issue involved relates to the supply of treated water to M Chinnaswamy stadium in Bengaluru for the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2024 matches amid the water crisis in the city of Bengaluru. The Tribunal by order dated 01.04.2024 had impleaded the concerned respondents and had granted them time to file the reply.

2. The report on behalf of respondent no. 2, Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board has been filed disclosing the status of use of water by the Stadium through different sources as under:-

"2. *As per the directions of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, the M Chinnaswamy Cricket Stadium has been inspected by the Chief Engineer (WWM) and Executive Engineer (WWM-STP) Challaghatta Valley on 17-04-2024 along with the officer bearers of the stadium. Photographs showing the inspection is herewith produced and marked as **ANNEXTURE A1. Inspection observations are as follows:***

2.1 *Respondent No 2 has been provided Cauvery Water Connection vide RR No. C-229001 and the stadium is drawing monthly average of 2212 KL of fresh water for residential*

rooms, kitchen, party halls and restaurants having guest around 500 members per day Copy of the monthly water usage extract for the year Jan 2023 to April 2024 showing the usage of water is herewith produced and marked as **ANNEXTURE A2**.

2.2 The stadium has also been using 4 ground water borewells and it is also noted that these borewells do not have any water flow meters for calculating the usage of water. Photographs showing 4 borewells is herewith produced and marked as **ANNEXTURE A3**. The details of all the 4 ground water borewells are listed below; -

BOREWELL	LOCATION	CAPICITY	DEPTH IN FEET
BOREWELL NO 1	Near Tower No 4	05 HP	400 ft
BOREWELL NO 2	Near Gate No 7	7.5 HP	400 ft
BOREWELL NO 3	Near Gate No 8	10 HP	400 ft
BOREWELL NO 4	Near Gate No 5	02 HP	400 ft

2.3 As per our inspection the stadium has their own 200 KLD (Kilo Litter per Day) Sewage Treatment Plant and the same is inspected and found to be working. The Respondent No 2 is supplying Sewage at the Rate of Rs 6/ - per kilo from the year 2017 and the said treated water is used for Gardening and for other non-portable purpose. At present the sewage generation has been decreased as there is no sewage flow. It would be pertinent to know that the stadium has not been able to obtain the required quantum of municipal sewage from this Respondent to fully utilize the 200KLD. The Treated water

2.4 is used for Gardening Photographs showing Sewage Treatment Plant is herewith produced and marked as **ANNEXTURE A4**.

2.5 Further as per the request letter dated 14/03/2024, the approval was granted to supply the tertiary treated water for non- potable purpose and as such 64000 liters per day has been supplied to the stadium. Copy of the request letter dated 14/ 03/2024 is herewith produced and marked as **ANNEXTURE A5** and copy of the test reports issued by the Karnataka State Pollution control board for the month starting from January 2024 to March 2024 is herewith produced and marked as **ANNEXTURE A6**.

3. The total usage water consumption by the stadium is herein as below:

- Fresh water-80000 Litters per day
- Treated water 64000 Litters per day
- Purchased/RWH water 50000 Litters per day

4. *The stadium acquired 16,300 Sqmtrs, is being used, Cauvery, Water, Bore Well water, Stadium's own STP water, treated water purchased from BWSSB, Rain Water stored form RWH pits and Sub Air method of RWH for recharge of Ground Water. Due to summer crisis occurred in Bengaluru, the fresh water supply has been permitted, subsequently treated water is being supplied on request of KSCA's letter cited as ANNEXTURE A5."*

3. Learned Counsel appearing for Respondent No. 4, Karnataka State Cricket Association seeks time to file reply by submitting that in his reply, he will disclose full details of different sources from where the water is obtained by respondent no. 4 along with all the supporting materials. In that reply, the respondent no. 4 will also disclose the details of permissions which have been granted in respect of the four borewells and since when the ground water is being extracted from those borewells and when those borewells were dug including the quantity extracted therefrom. In the affidavit, respondent no. 4 will also disclose the full particulars of the STP which has been set up and the details of its operation/performance. Let the reply on above terms be filed by respondent no. 4 within four 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.

4. List on 13.08.2024.

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Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

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