BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

Original Application No. 58/2017 (M.A. No. 210/2018)

IN THE MATTER OF :

Mahendra Pandey Vs. Union of India & Ors.

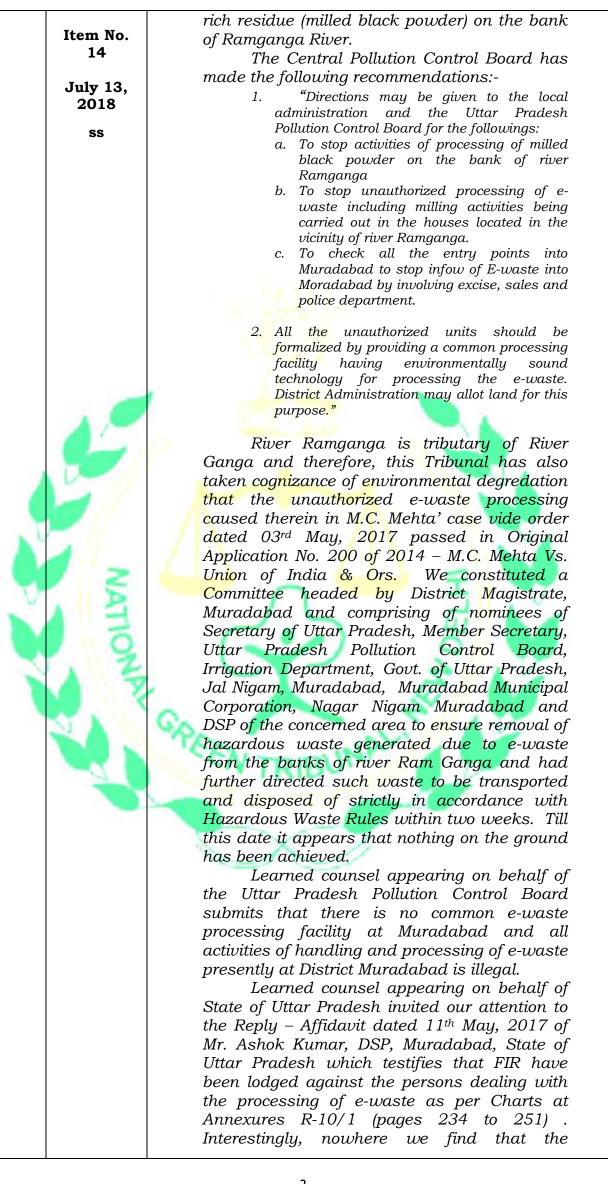
CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADARSH KUMAR GOEL, CHAIRPERSON HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE JAWAD RAHIM, JUDICIAL MEMBER HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAGHUVENDRA S. RATHORE, JUDICIAL MEMBER HON'BLE DR. SATYAWAN SINGH GARBYAL, EXPERT MEMBER

Present:

Applicant:Respondent No.1:Mr. Krishna Kumar Singh, Adv.Respondent, CPCB:Mr. Raj Kumar, Adv. and Ms. Niti, LA, CPCBRespondent No. 1:Mr. B.V. Niren, Adv.Respondent No. 6 & 7:Mr. Pradeep Misra and Mr. Daleep Dhyani, Advs.Mr. Sunil Kumar Sethi, Mr. Gautam Das and Mr.Lalit Rana, Advs. for Shakir Hussain (Noticee)Ms. Asihwarya Bhari, AAG and Mr. Utkarsh

Sharma, Adv. for State of Uttar Pradesh

Date an	d Orders of the Tribunal
Remarks	Orders of the Tribunar
Item No. 14	1. This petition was filed by pointing out the pollution
July 13, 2018	of river Ramganga going through Moradabad and other
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9 2	pollution caused by electronic waste processing. On such
	processing of metal the residue Milled Black Powder is
	being generated. If such powder is kept open on the bank
	of the river, result in contamination of the water with
2.	heavy metals including mercury.
	2. On consideration of the issue in light of the
	inspection carried out by Central Pollution Control Board.
	On 05 th February, 2018 this Tribunal has passed the
	following order:-
	"Central Pollution Control Board had carried out the inspection of all the affected area in Muradabad along with Officials of Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board following news paper reports regarding such unauthorized activities in September, 2015. Inspection so carried out revealed heaps of milled black powders kept in open/bags on the bank of river Ram Ganga and large number of people involved in unscientific dismantling, crude chemical leaching of printed circuit boards, burning of wire/waste and washing of metal



Item No. 14 July 13, 2018 ss provisions of Section 15 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 have been invoked. The State of Uttar Pradesh has not placed before us any Office order by which the constitution of *Committee is spelled out. Nothing has yet been* done as regards compliance of the order dated 03rd May, 2017 except bald statement made on behalf of the Learned counsel appearing for the State of Uttar Pradesh that all black powder and such other electronic waste/ hazardous waste has been totally removed from the banks of river Ram Ganga and properly disposed of as directed by order dated 03rd May, 2017. environmental We, therefore, impose compensation of Rs. 10 lacs on the State of Uttar Pradesh and Rs. 50,000/- on District Magistrate of District Moradabad – the 25% of the amount to be deposited with Central Pollution Control Board and 75% of the amount to be deposited with the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board for the purposes of environmental relief."

3. The Central Pollution Control Board was directed to prepare Action Plan for remedial measures. Accordingly further joint inspection was carried out by the Central Pollution Control Board and Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board on 26th June, 2018.

4. The Central Pollution Control Board was given liberty to take assistance of the Experts from different fields. Thereafter the suggestion was that the hazardous waste can be utilized for over bridges by the National Highways Authority of India. It was directed to be considered by the Central Pollution Control Board in consultation with the National Highways Authority of India.

5. The recommendations of Central Pollution Control Board are as follows:-

> "The following observations are made based on the analysis of samples collected/drawn during the aforesaid visit. The values obtained from analysis results are compared with screening levels taken from Canadian



recommended by Central Pollution Control Board.

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7. The waste may be used for construction of roads and bridges. The Learned Counsel for Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board suggests that hazardous waste can be mixed with the powder and thereafter can be used for construction of road beddings. On this aspect the Learned Counsel for the Central Pollution Control Board does not have any specific instruction.

8. We are of the view that all safety measures have to be adopted for using of such hazardous waste and either suitable site has to be secured for keeping such waste or for temporary storage of such waste or the waste has to be disposed of in a safe and scientific manner. It will be appropriate that Central Pollution Control Board suggest further measures in this regard in consultation with the Experts from specialized field in the subject matter.

9. We dispose of this matter with directions that the District Magistrate may forthwith take steps for the temporary of such hazardous waste storage in consultation with Central Pollution Control Board. Until unless any other viable solution is found, properly designed protection of embankments may be constructed around the landfill, as suggested by the Central Pollution Control Board. The steps in this direction may be completed within one month. The Central Pollution Control Board must take its decision in the matter within two week from today.

10. Before parting in this matter, we also noticed in the affidavit dated 11th July, 2017 filed on behalf of

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"6. That in reference of the said illegal e-waste processing, it is submitted that the Police of district Moradabad has been taking continuous action against the said illegal activities of e-waste processing. Tabular charts detailing therein FIR lodged and such police action taken against illegal e-waste processing in District Moradabad more particularly by the Police station Bhojpur, Mugalpura and Nagfani respectively are being jointly annexed herewith and marked as Annexure no. R10/1 (Colly).

Superintendent of Police, Moradabad stating as follows:-

7. That the above mentioned tabular charts are of the year 2015, 2016 and 2017 and cases so lodged are either pending trial or pending investigation.

8. That the Station House Officer Police Station Bhojpur, Moradabad conducted an inspection of M/s. JAO E-Waste Recycling Company regarding processing of e-waste by the said company and causing pollution to the environment. He submitted report of the same to the answering respondent on 08.05.2017. An English translation of the said report along with its vernacular copy is annexed herewith the and marked as Annexure No.10/2.

9. That on the perusal of the above mentioned report, it would be evident that M/s. JAO E-Waste Recycling Company is causing unbridled pollution in the environment and no measures were found in place to control or curb the pollution. The report recommends closure of the said unit.

10. That the abovementioned report has been forwarded to the DM by the answering respondent for further action.

That the Original Application also avers 11. inflow of E-waste into Moradabad. In this regard, it is submitted that during the action taken against persons involved in illegal carriage and processing of E-waste, it has come to the knowledge of the police authorities that *major portion of such E-waste is coming from the* National Capital Territory of Delhi. Therefore, it is requested that this Hon'ble Tribunal may be pleased to direct the concerned authorities in Delhi and in the bordering districts of the State of Uttar Pradesh that the E-waste is transported strictly in accordance with the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Strict vigilance be Movement) Rules, 2016. made in this respect at the border entry points It is furthermore requested that the itself. authorized transporters of E-Waste may be directed to mandatorily affix some kind of sticker on their vehicles which conveys that it is

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authorized to and is carrying E-Waste. Any other vehicle transporting E-waste may be directed to be impounded."

11. We direct the District Magistrate, Moradabad to assess damage and impose environmental compensation on the principle of Polluters Pays.

12. We further direct the concerned Municipal Corporation to deal with pollution and take appropriate action against the persons illegally carrying and transporting the electronic wastes so that such e-waste should not be transported from NCT Delhi in contravention of the Hazardous and other Waste (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 The compliance affidavit be filed within six weeks 13.

from today.

List again for consideration of compliance report on 10th September, 2018.

(Adarsh Kumar Goel)

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(Raghuvendra S. Rathore)

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