

KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA

No. LOK/BCD/1325/2015/ARE(2)

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REPORT U/SEC. 12 [1] OF KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA ACT, 1984

Sub:- Complaint of Sri Siddalingegowda S/o Late Bairegowda, Mavinakere, Turuvekere Taluk Tumkur District against (1) Sri Siddaramaiah, Hon'ble chief Minister (2) Sri Kousik Mukurji, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka, Bengaluru (3) Minister of Major Irrigation, Govt. of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

Ref:- Complaint No. COMPT/LOK/BCD/1325/2015/ARE(2)

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One Sri Siddalingegowda S/o Late Bairegowda, a social activist of Mavinakere, Turuvekere Taluk, Tumkur District has filed a complaint dtd. 21.03.2015 to this Authority against (1) Sri Siddaramaiah, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Karnataka (2) Sri Kaushik Mukurji, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka and (3) Minister of Major Irrigation, Govt. of Karnataka alleging that people in entire Pavagada Taluk including Cattle, are reeling under extreme water scarcity on account of drying up of wells, depletion of underground water table. He has also alleged that, consumption of florid water is endangering the life of people, and livestock in the said area. He further alleged that despite his representation submitted to respondents, no action has been taken by them to redress the grievances made in the complaint. He urged for supply of potable drinking water from Tungabhadra River. He also mentioned in his complaint that Pavagada Taluk is along the border of Andhra Pradesh and neighbouring Andhra People are

being supplied with Tungabhadra River Water and further alleged that the problem has remained unsolved for want of political will and on account of technicalities.

2. The allegations made by the complainant amounts to "**Grievances**" as defined u/Sec. 2(8) of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984. The respondents are Public servants as defined u/Sec. 2(12) of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act.

3. The said complaint has been registered under Complaint No. Compt/LOK/BCD/1325/2015 and investigation of the allegations made in the complaint was taken up and comments of the respondents were called for.

4. The first respondent sent comment on 06.07.2015, stating that: "ತುಮಕೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಪಾವಗಡ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ಮತ್ತು ಚಳ್ಳಕೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಜನವಸತಿಗಳ ಶಾಶ್ವತ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡುವ ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ ತುಂಗಭದ್ರಾ ಜಲಾಶಯದಿಂದ 1.36 ಟಿ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ಪ್ರಮಾಣದ ನೀರನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಾಲಿನ ನೀರಿನ ಹಂಚಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಸಹಮತ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯನ್ನು ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯು ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಗೊಳಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದು, ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ ಜಲಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಿಂದ ನೀರನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಲು ಸಹಮತ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಜಲಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಿಂದ ಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗಿದೆ" ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

5. The 2nd respondent did not send his comments despite issue of reminders.

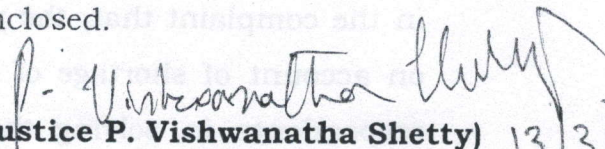
6. The 3rd respondent sent his comments on 01.06.2015 reiterating the same contentions taken up by 1st respondent and has stated, that, "ತುಮಕೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಪಾವಗಡ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳ ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ಮತ್ತು ಚಳ್ಳಕೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಜನವಸತಿಗಳ ಶಾಶ್ವತ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡುವ ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ ತುಂಗಭದ್ರಾ ಜಲಾಶಯದಿಂದ 1.36 ಟಿ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ಪ್ರಮಾಣದ ನೀರನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಾಲಿನ ನೀರಿನ ಹಂಚಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಸಹಮತ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯನ್ನು ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯು ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಗೊಳಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದು, ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ ಜಲಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಿಂದ ನೀರನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಲು ಸಹಮತ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಜಲಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಿಂದ ಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗಿದೆ."

7. When copies of comments of respondents 1 & 3 were sent to the complainant for his rejoinder, he has submitted his rejoinder on 03.08.2015, reiterating his earlier allegations, contending that no positive steps have been taken up by Respondents in providing water to the people of Pavagada Taluk.
8. On considering the comments furnished by the respondents, it is noticed that, they have not disputed the grievance as alleged in the complaint that, the people of Pavagada Taluk are suffering on account of shortage of drinking water and the apathy of the respondents in solving their problem. It is also not disputed regarding the depletion of ground water table in the said area and consumption of florid content water affecting the health of the people.
9. Further, it is noticed that the Government has evolved a comprehensive plan in finding a permanent solution in solving drinking water problem and has proposed to take up a project for providing 105.50 MLD (1.36TMC per year) from Tunga Bhadra reservoir and to supply the same to Pavagada town and surrounding villages in Pavagada Taluk, Molakalmur Town and Taluk and Rural areas of Challakere Taluk in Chitradurga District. The Water Resource Department has concurred with the said proposal.
10. Hence, in order to redress the grievance urged in the complaint in providing drinking water to the people of Pavagada Taluk and having regard to the comprehensive plan proposed by the State Government in implementing the project for utilising 1.36 TMC water from the Share of Karnataka from Tungabhadra Reservoir in order to find permanent solution in providing drinking water to the people of Pavagada Taluk, a direction under Section 12(1) of Karnataka Lokayukta Act is hereby given, directing for taking up necessary steps in implementing the proposed project

“ಸಂಯುಕ್ತ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಯೋಜನೆ” thereby redress of the grievance expressed in the complaint and to remedy the hardship being suffered by the people of Pavagada Taluk as specified in the report.

Further, as per Sec. 12(4) of Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984, the Competent Authority is required to intimate this Authority, within one month from the date of receipt of this report, the action taken or proposed to be taken on this report.

Connected records are enclosed.


(Justice P. Vishwanatha Shetty)
Lokayukta,
Karnataka State.

13/3/2017