

KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA

No.Compt/Uplok/BCD/4226/2015/ARE-9. M.S. Building,
Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi,
Bengaluru,
Dated: 17/10/2016.

**REPORT UNDER SECTION 12(1) OF
KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA ACT, 1984**

Sub: Complaint of Sri. Narayan B.S., Bengaluru
against Assistant Engineer, BBMP, Ward
No.27, Maruti Seva Nagar Office, Halasur,
Lake Tank Road, Bengalur and others – reg.

1. The complainant has alleged; (1) boundaries of Banasawadi lake have been destroyed (2) Some people have formed inside road to dump debris (3) BWSSB is not attending to primary task of diversion of sewage away from the lake (4) Restoration of lake is also not done.
2. Respondents have offered comments and also submitted action taken report which appears to be rather tentative.
3. Executive Engineer, BWSSB, East Division, has submitted letter dt.03-02-2016, wherein, he has stated that necessary steps have been taken to prevent flow of sewage water.

4. Environmental Officer, Regional Office, Bangalore City East, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, by letter dt.02-02-2016 has stated; that there was spot inspection of Banasawadi lake on 28-01-2016 and the photographs were taken. The report of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board as far as the environmental issues are concerned, has to monitor the water quality in the lake and to inform concerned government agencies to take steps for prevention of pollution of lake water.
5. Assistant Executive Engineer, BBMP, Sarvajnanagar division by letter dt. 20-04-2016 has stated the following;
 - (1) On 19-03-2016, a community programme was arranged to remove debris and waste material.
 - (2) Complaint was lodged against persons who were dumping waste material during nights.
 - (3) In order to prevent dumping of waste material, fence was erected.
 - (4) The fence effected around lake was of lesser height, therefore, it was instructed to Revenue department to increase the height of the fence to 8 feet.

They have also enclosed photographs to show the tentative action taken by them.

It is also noticed from the report submitted by the BBMP that certain un-authorized constructions have been put up in Banasawadi lake.

6. On 05-02-2016 (Waste Management Cell) of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board has submitted following report;

“Meeting was held on 02-09-2015 and 15-09-2014 to review the compliance directions issued on 20-03-2014 at the Pollution Control Board involving representatives of various government organisations. Wherein, decisions were taken regarding prevention of lake pollution.

The Regional Officer, Bangalore city east has constituted watch committee for Banasawadi lake and where issues pertaining to entry of sewage and dumping of waste and the meeting is to be on 10-02-2016. The role of the Board is to monitor the water quality of the lake. However, the lake is dry.”


7. It is also seen from the reports that on 20-03-2014 notices of direction U/S 24/25 (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 was issued.
8. On 29-04-2016 the Chairman of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board wherein there is reference to Banasawadi lake;

Banasawadi lake, K.R.Puram:

- To remove the garbage and debris on both Storm Water Drains and ensure proper fencing of the Storm Water Drains to prevent garbage being thrown into it.
 - To send notice to Contractor for not collecting the MSW/Garbage generated from the lake surrounding wards.
 - To ensure that no garbage is being dumped in the lake bed by the public and to impose fine for such offenders.
 - To arrange proper disposal facilities for waste coconut shells and direct the Revenue Department to transport all the Coconut shells dumped on the Lake bund.
 - To stop the dumping and segregation of MSW/Garbage in Lake bed area.
 - To establish dry waste collection centres in Banasawadi surrounding area for collection of dry waste.
9. The photograph provided by the complainant along with the complaint and rejoinder filed by the complainant from time to time would indicate that Statutory Authorities who are trying to blame each other despite the constitution of Lake Development Authority. In order to obviate difficulties faced by the citizens. State vigil is necessary.

10. Therefore, recommendation is made to the Competent Authority under section 12(1) of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984, to take necessary action to redress the above grievances.
11. Further, as per Section 12(2) 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 N.ANANDA) *Wfo.*
Upalokayukta-1,
State of Karnataka.

