

KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA

No.COMPT/UPLOK/BGM-1609/2016/PP

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

Sub: For taking corrective measures in the matter of
laying pipelines- reg.

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On the basis of the complaint filed by Sri Mahadevappa S. Yadawad, Ex.MLA, Navipeta, Ramadurga Post, Belagavi District (herein after referred to as complainant for short) against Sri R.K. Ningalur, Assistant Executive Engineer, PWP & IWTD, Ramadurga Sub-Division, Ramadurga, Belagavi District (hereinafter referred to as respondent for short) alleging; that in order to provide drinking water to Ramadurga Town and other 13 villages, pipelines are laid from Renukasagar Reservoir. The Pipelines have been laid without maintaining proper distance from the centre of the road. In the stretch of K.Junipet-Gonaganur-Basaragi pipelines have been laid within 2.00 to 3.00 meters from the centre of the road as against 4.50 meters. Due to movement of heavy vehicles carrying sugar cane on the road, the pipes are damaged. In the stretch of road between Yeragatti-Mudhol State Highway and Munavalli-Kotamachagi State

Highway, the pipes are laid within 3.00 to 4.00 meters. Investigation was taken up after invoking power vested u/s. 9 of Karnataka Lokayukta, 1984.

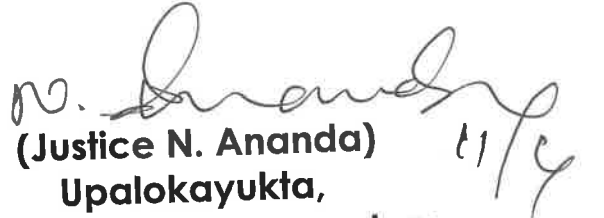
2. The Respondent has offered comments stating that it is the responsibility of the Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board to maintain the distance from the road. It is stated that a sum of Rs.35,34,600/- is required for proper maintenance of road. The Respondent has written letter to the Assistant Executive Engineer of Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board Sub-Division, Bailahongal to deposit a sum of Rs.35,34,600/- to take up the road maintenance work and till then to stop the work of laying pipes.

3. As could be seen from the correspondence between the respondent and the Assistant Executive Engineer, Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board Sub-Division, Bailahongal, it appears that the KUWS&DB has not taken proper steps in the matter of laying pipelines and maintenance of proper distance from the centre of the road at K.Junipet-Gonaganur-Basaragi Road; Yeragatti-Mudhol State Highway and Munavalli-Kotamachagi State Highway.

4. Now recommendation is made under Section 12(1) of Karnataka Lokayukta Act to the Government **to take appropriate action in the matter of laying pipes and to repair the damaged pipes.**

5. The Competent Authority is required to intimate u/s 12(2) of Karnataka Lokayukta Act, the action taken or proposed to be taken on the recommendation made u/s 12(1) of Karnataka Lokayukta Act, **within three months** from the date of receipt of this report.

Connected records are enclosed.


(Justice N. Ananda) 11/4
Upalokayukta,
Karnataka State, Bengaluru,
11/4/17

