

KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA

Compt/Uplok/BCD/743/2017/DRE-2

M.S.Building,
Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Veedhi,
Bangalore, dtd. 15/06/2017.

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

Sub: To take appropriate action for cleaning the area all along the alleged kaveri water pipeline from Gubbalala Cross to 2nd Main of Vasanthavallabha Nagar by removing the shrubs and herbs grown therein-reg.

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An investigation was taken up by invoking section 9 of Karnataka Lokayukta Act, on the complaint filed by Sri P.S. Gachinakatti, Retd. Assistant Commissioner of Police, No.24, Keshava Nivasa, Kalidasa Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru (hereinafter referred to as 'complainant' for short), against Sri Chandrashekar Prasad T.-Assistant Executive Engineer, No.3, Cauvery Head Works Sub-division-3, BWSSB, Tataguni, Kanakapura Main Road, Bengaluru-82, (hereinafter referred to as 'respondent' for short) alleging that the respondent has committed misconduct.

2. It is alleged in the complaint that in between 1st and 2nd Stage of Vasanthavallabha Nagar, Kaveri water pipeline runs from Gubbalala Village towards Bengaluru City. Parallel to the said pipeline there is a mud road from Gubbalala Cross to 2nd Main of Vasanthavallabha Nagar. On either side of the road there are shrubs and bushes which have created fear in the mind of the public who

are using the said road. There are many incidents of chain snatching and crimes against women during early morning and after sunset. Many representations have been given to the Authorities to remove the shrubs and bushes along the said road. But no action has been taken by the respondent. Hence, has prayed to redress their grievance.

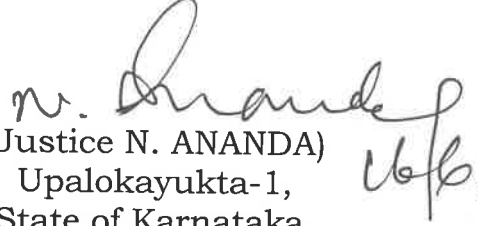
3. Respondent has submitted his comments dt.03.05.2017 stating that the kaveri water pipelines of 1st Stage, 2nd Stage, 3rd and 4th Stage runs from Somanahalli to Bengaluru South End for about 20 k.m. and the pipeline area is a "restricted area" for the public. There is a service road all along the pipeline for the purpose of carrying out repairs to the pipeline and its maintenance. 3 pump houses of Tataguni area falls within his jurisdiction. There are about 189 air vault to be maintained and water leakages is to be taken care of. One Assistant Engineer and few staff are working at Tataguni BWSSB Office. There is shortage of staff. In spite of it with available staff shrubs and bushes are being cleaned phase by phase around air vault cistern and other required areas. Further it is stated that with respect to cleaning of the remaining areas, the same will be brought to the notice of higher authorities and appropriate action will be taken for cleaning the same.

4. The comments of respondent go to show that the shrubs and bushes grown all along the kaveri pipeline is not cleared by the authorities. Complainant apprehends criminal activity in view of such shrubs and bushes. Therefore the contention of the respondent that it is a restricted area is inconsequential. Moreover, pipeline area is to be kept clean for all purposes.

5. Hence, recommendation is made to the Competent Authority under Section 12(1) of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984 to take appropriate action for cleaning the area all along the alleged kaveri water pipeline by removing the shrubs and herbs grown therein.

6. 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)
Upalokayukta-1,
State of Karnataka.
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