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Karnataka Lokayukta
(Under Section 7 of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984)

CASE **COMPT/UPLOK**
NUMBER : **/MYS/3406/2023**
District : **Dakshina Kannada**

BY :

1. Suo Moto

As per the Order of Honble Upalokayukta, Dated:
07/06/2023.

COMPLAINANT/S

AGAINST :

1. Environmental Officer

Pollution Control Board, No. 10B, Baikampadi
Industrial Area, Mangaluru.

2. Deputy Commissioner

(Administration), Mangaluru City Corporation,
M.G.Road, Lalbagh, Mangaluru.

3. Executive Engineer

Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board,
Baikampadi, Mangaluru.

RESPONDENT/S

Allegation/Grievance Dereliction of duty.

Brief :

Received From : Suo Moto (Upalok section)

Received On : 08-06-2023

Seal and Signature

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KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA

No:

Date: 07/06/2023

ORDER

My attention was drawn to a news items that appeared in news papers 'City Highlights' and 'Prajavani' published on 4th June 2023. The said reports were in relation to industrial effluents being discharged into Phalguni river through an underground pipeline endangering aquatic life besides posing threat to human existence and animal population in the vicinity who are dependent on Phalguni river water.

2. On consideration of the said reports, citizens led by President of Democratic Youth Federation of India have staged a protest against release of industrial waste through pipeline contaminating Phalguni river water.



3. It is said that, many industries which are situated near Panamburu and Baikampady are releasing industrial waste and chemical effluents through underground pipelines damaging the eco system endangering flora and fauna in and around Phalguni river areas for quite sometime despite public protests against polluting industries.

4. Further, it was brought to my notice that, popular consumer brands such as, Patanjali, United Breweries beer manufacturing factories have no proper facility to segregate and dispose of industrial waste. As a result, there is immediate threat to aquatic life on account of these industries. But, so far, no action has been initiated against polluting industries and the district administration is displaying inaction even after being conscious of pollution.

5. Further, the report states that, drinking water drawn from the nearby open wells is not suitable for

drinking and pollution of the river and adjoining open wells is causing serious health problems such as, skin allergies and cancer.

6. It is further stated that, for the past 10 years people around the area are facing serious environmental issues and no remedial measures have been taken so far and people are constrained to pay money for getting potable water. It is also said that, Ruchi gold palm oil manufacturer was found discharging effluents contaminating Phalguni river water and the said industry was caught while discharging chemical and industrial waste into the river.

7. The health and well being of the residents living around Phalguni river especially in Panambur and Baikampady is a serious concern as they are facing health hazards as the effluents and pollutants are continuously released into the river contaminating the nearby open wells in the area.

8. Water is an essential for survival of human beings and animals. It is regarded as a social asset. Life without water cannot be imagining. State has a responsibility to protect the lakes, reservoirs, rivers, natural resources and all other water sources. It is enshrined in Article 51(a)(g) of the Constitution of India. It is a fundamental duty to protect lakes, rivers and environment.

9. Industries must establish sewage treatment plants before releasing industrial wastes and chemical effluents into the environment. They must ensure that, the industrial waste is not discharged into the water sources, which is hazardous to health of living creatures.

10. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in several pronouncements has cautioned the State to protect

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environment and ecology from impending dangers of water, air and environmental pollution. But, the district administration and local bodies, especially, the municipal administration is not taking effective steps to tackle this problem for the reasons best known to them. If pollution is not checked at the earliest, residents around the polluting areas will suffer serious health ailments as the potable water contains excessive carcinogenic elements affecting their health and well being. The evil effects of Bhopal gas tragedy, effects of endosulphan in coastal area have not faded from the memory of citizens.

11. The State Pollution Control Board and the District Administration of Dakshina Kannada should take effective steps to control discharge of chemical effluents into the Phalguni river forthwith under intimation to this authority. Having regard to the public interest involved

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in the present case, I propose to initiate suo moto action against the erring officials for not taking effective steps to stop pollution of Phalguni river. Invoking power conferred on me under Sec.7(2) and 9(3)(a) of Karnataka Lokayukta Act, 1984, office is directed to register a suo moto complaint against the erring officials.

12. The following authorities be impleaded as respondents in the present case for proper adjudication.

Sl. No.	Name and Designation of the officers
1.	Environmental Officer, Pollution Control Board, No.10B, Baikampadi Industrial Area, Mangaluru.
2.	Deputy Commissioner (Administration), Mangaluru City Corporation, M.G.Road, Lalbagh, Mangaluru.
3.	Executive Engineer, Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board, Baikampadi, Mangaluru.

13. Call for comments from the respondents by forwarding copy of this order along with enclosures, comment shall reach this office within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order. Also secure detailed report

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from the Deputy Commissioner, Mangaluru in this regard within 15 days from today by forwarding copy of this order and its enclosures.

List this matter after 2 weeks. ೨೮/೬/೨೩


(Justice K.N. Phaneendra)
Upalokayukta-2,
Karnataka State.

ಸ್ವಲ್ಪೀಯ ನದಿಗೆ ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯವನ್ನು ಶುದ್ಧೀಕರಿಸದೆಯೇ ಹರಿಬಿಟ್ಟ ಪ್ರಕರಣ

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ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ ವಾರ್ತೆ

ಮಂಗಳೂರು: ಗುರುಪುರ (ಫುಲ್ಲಣಿ) ನದಿಯನ್ನು ಸೇರುವ ನೈಸರ್ಗಿಕ ನಾಲಿಗೆ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಘಟಕದ ಕಲುಷಿತ ನೀರನ್ನು ಶುದ್ಧೀಕರಿಸದೆಯೇ ದಿಬ್ಬ ಬೈಕಂಪಾದಿಯ ಮೆ. ಪತಂಜಲಿ ಪುಡ್ ಲಿಮಿಟೆಡ್ (ಹಿಂದಿನ ಹೆಸರು ರುಚಿ ಸೋಯಾ ಇಂಡಸ್ಟ್ರೀಸ್) ಕಂಪನಿಯು ಅಡುಗೆ ಎಣ್ಣೆ ತಯಾರಿಕಾ ಘಟಕವನ್ನು ಮುಚ್ಚಿಸುವಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮಾಲಿನ್ಯ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ (ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಸ್‌ಬಿ) ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಚಿಪ್ಪಾರಸು ಮಾಡಿದೆ.

ಅಡುಗೆ ಎಣ್ಣೆ ಉತ್ಪಾದಿಸುವ ಈ ಕಂಪನಿಯು 1974ರ ಜುಲಿ ಹಾಯ್ಡನ್ನು ಉಲ್ಲಂಘಿಸಿದ್ದು ಅದರ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ಕ್ರಿಮಿನಲ್ ಮೊಕದ್ದಮೆ ದಾಖಲಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಆದಳೆತಾತ್ಮಕ ಅನುಮತಿ ನೀಡುವಂತೆ ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಪಿಸಿಬಿಯ ಇಲ್ಲಿನ

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Nagarika Horata Samithi, Locals Protest Against Industries Polluting Phalguni River

MANGALURU

Nagarika Horata Samithi led by Muneer Katipalla staged a protest at Jokatte on Saturday against Ruchi Gold and other industries for releasing industrial waste into Phalguni river contaminating its water.

Speaking to media persons, State President of DYFI Muneer Katipalla said, there are many industries near Panambur and Baikampady which release chemical effluents into the Phalguni river through underground pipelines. We have been protesting against this for long time now. Many industries have been caught red-handed doing this misdeed. Patanjali, UB Beer and many other industries do not have a proper facility to dispose and segregate the industrial waste. The number of aquatic beings are decreasing because of their misdeeds. No action is being taken against the offenders.

The district administration is least bothered to take action against Patanjali even after receiving the notice. Well water here is not good for drinking. People are suffering

diseases including skin allergy and cancer patients are increasing in number. BJP MLAs Umanath Kotian and Bharath Shetty have not visited the spot yet, he said.

Due to the release of industrial waste into the river, many are facing problems. For the past 10 years, we have been facing many issues and no measures have been taken. We are in a situation of paying money to get fresh water, said a local Precilla Monteiro.

It may be recalled, Nagarika Horata Samithi led by Muneer Katipalla caught Ruchi Gold Palmolein Oil manufacturers red-handed while they were releasing industrial waste into Phalguni river contaminating its water.

Thokur Village Panchayath President Farooq Jokatte, former President Kevin, Nagarika Horata Samithi leader Aboobakkar Bava, Srinath Kulal, former Deputy Mayor Purushottam Chitrapura, Nithin Bangera, Manoj Urwastore, Iqbal Jokatte, Lancy Jokatte and others were pres-

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