PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION (Govt. of NCT of Delhi)

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Order under Para 2(B) of the PGC Resolution No F.4/14/94-AR dated 25.9.97

Date of hearing: 26th Dec., 2018

Complainant : Shri Rahul Gupta, President,

Kalindi Resi. Wel. Assoc.

Respondent : Deputy Commissioner,

Central Zone, SDMC

Grievance No. : PGC/2018/MCD/46

1. Brief facts of the complaint

Shri Rahul Gupta has filed a grievance on behalf of Kalindi Residents Welfare Association (Regd.) for non compliance of order / judgement dated 12.02.2016 passed by NGT and resulting in very acute and severe problem of mosquitoes breeding and pollution in the atmosphere on account of unhygienic surroundings, large scale collection of malba, waste material, water swamps etc.

2. Proceedings in the Public Grievances Commission

The PGC has convened three hearings in the matter so far and in the hearing held on 26.12.2018, the following are present:

Complainant : Not present

Respondent : Dr. Hemant Kumar, Epidemiologist

Sh. S.M.R.Zaidi, Asstt. Eng. (M) Sh.Manish Aggarwal, E.E., I&FC Deptt Sh.S.K. Aggarwal, AE, I&FC Deptt.

Sh. V.E. Vashist, A.E.

3. Relevant facts emerging during the hearing

3.1 An Action Taken Report has been filed by AE (M-I), Central Zone, SDMC stating that the up-stream portion of Taimor Nagar Drain (Mathura Road to C.V. Raman Marg) falls within the jurisdiction of EE (M-I)/Central Zone, which is passing through Maharani Bagh. The portion of drain is a covered drain and storm/waste is freely flowing in the drain. The cleaning of drain is done by this division every year before onset of

monsoon. There is no spreading of storm/waste water in the area maintained by this division.

- 3.2 EE(M)-II, Central Zone, apprised the Commission through Action Taken Report that inspite of non-availability of pocklane machine due to its breakdown, the Taimoor Nagar drain was cleaned from CV Raman Marg to Community Centre, Taimoor Nagar with the help of JCB on 19.12.18, 21.12.18 & 24.12.2018 to channelize the discharge of polluted water.
- 3.3 An ATR has been filed by Deputy Health Officer, Central Zone, SDMC giving details of work done by Anti Malaria Operation at Kalindi Colony w.e.f. 1st January, 2018 to 26th December, 2018.
- 3.4 Shri Manish Aggarwal, Executive Engineer, I&FC Department, submitted an Action Taken Report stating that the complete area in question is a Flood Plain which comes under the jurisdiction of DDA and the concerned Taimoor Nagar Nalla is totally under the jurisdiction of SDMC. He further stated that I&FC Department has maintained Regulator which is existed on Nalla No.17, only during the Flood Season to prevent the back water flow from the River Yamuna to the City, which is situated D/S of Ring Road nearKalindi Kunj Colony.

4. Directions of the PGC:

Since, there is no response from DDA about the follow up action taken by them despite so many letters; the complainant is advised to follow up his grievances with DDA and the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal. However, I&FC Department and SDMC may continue to do the needful in the interest of residents so that there is no outbreak of disease etc.

The matter stands closed at the level of Commission.

Copy to:

- Sh. Ramesh Verma , Deputy Commissioner (Central Zone),
 SDMC, Near Jal Sadan, Shiv Mandir Marg, Lajpat Nagar,
 New Delhi 110024
- 2. Shri S.K. Arya, Chief Engineer (East Zone), Delhi Development Authority, Vikas Minar, IP Estate, New Delhi
- 3. Sh.Satish Kataria, Ex. Engineer (M)-II, Central Zone, SDMC, Near Jal Sadan, Shiv Mandir Marg, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi 110024
- 4. Shri Khosla, Ex. Engineer (M)-1, Central Zone, SDMC, Near Jal Sadan, Shiv Mandir Marg, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi 110024
- 5. Ex. Engineer, Civil Division -III, Irrigation & Flood Control Department, LM Bundh Road, shastri Park, Delhi 110031
- Dr. Vivekanand Bhagat, Dy. Health officer, Centrla zone, SDMC, Near Jal Sadan, Shiv Mandir Marg, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi – 110024.
- 7. Shri Rahul Gupta

Dear

This Commission is hearing a complaint filed by Shri Rahul Gupta, President, Kalindi Residents Welfare Association (Regd.) for non compliance of order / judgement dated 12.02.2016 passed by National Green Tribunal (copy enclosed) resulting in very acute and severe problem of mosquitoes breeding and pollution in the atmosphere on account of unhygienic surroundings, large scale collection of malba, waste materials, water swamps etc. in Kalindi Colony area. As per the orders of National Green Tribunal dated 12.02.2016, DDA has to develop a Bio Diversity park in the area for which a joint inspection was carried out by your department along with the officers of SDMC and Irrigation & Flood Control Department.

Two hearings have been conducted by PGC in the matter for which notices / copy of order were sent to Shri S.K.Arya, Chief Engineer (EZ), DDA for taking necessary action in the matter and submission of an action taken report, but neither any one attended the hearing in this Commission nor any status report has been filed. It appears that no action has been taken so far in this regard.

I, request you to direct the concerned officers to take necessary action in the matter so that complainant may not go to NGT again and file contempt petition.

Yours sincerely,

(ASHOK KUMAR)

Shri Tarun Kapoor, Vice Chairman, Delhi Development Authority, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi