

Mentioned Matter

(Pune Bench)

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
WESTERN ZONE BENCH, PUNE**

[THROUGH PHYSICAL HEARING (WITH HYBRID OPTION)]

Original Application No.18/2025 (WZ)

Adv. Vaibhav Baban Satam

.....Applicant

Versus

Thane Municipal Corporation & Ors.

....Respondents

Date of hearing: 29.01.2025

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DINESH KUMAR SINGH, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. VIJAY KULKARNI, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant : Applicant in-person

ORDER

1. On mention being made by applicant before us to take up this matter for hearing on admission tomorrow because of the urgency. Instead of tomorrow, we are hearing this matter today itself.

2. In this application, prayer is made for a direction to be issued to the respondents (appears to be a direction for respondent No.1- Thane Municipal Corporation, as orally informed by applicant) to stop all illegal dumping activities in the Eco-Sensitive Zone of Sanjay Gandhi National Park and the Coastal Zone Management areas near Gaimukh Jakat Naka, Ghodbunder Road, Thane (West).

3. Applicant submits that on 19.01.2025, he had sent a legal notice to respondent No.1 demanding as below:-

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1. Instruct your officers to immediately halt all illegal dumping activities in the aforesaid areas.

2. *Conduct a thorough investigation into the matter and identify those responsible for these unlawful acts.*
3. *Implement strict measures to prevent any future instances of illegal dumping in Eco-Sensitive and Coastal Zone Management areas.*
4. *Submit a detailed report of the actions taken by your office to address this issue within 24 hours of receipt of this notice.”*

4. Thereafter, applicant requested respondent No.1 to take immediate action, failing which he would initiate legal proceedings against them. This legal notice was responded to by respondent No.1 vide letter dated 22.01.2025 (appears to be a reply) informing therein to the applicant that the solid waste collected from the areas of Thane Municipal Corporation is recycled/treated at post Daighar and at post Bhandarli. But because of the site at Daighar is not operative for some days, due to which respondent No.1 is using area of Gaimukh for dumping and storing of the solid waste on temporary basis. Further, it is mentioned in this reply that as and when the site at post Daighar restarts fully, the solid waste at Gaimukh will be shifted and would be treated/recycled at the original site.

5. We find that the grievance, which has been raised by the applicant in the present Original Application, is in the process of being addressed by respondent No.1. The only thing, which appears to be of importance, that no timeline has been given in the said response by respondent No.1 as to by when, the same would be shifted for recycling/treating work of solid waste to the original site i.e. at post Daighar.

6. In view of above, we direct the Registry to issue notice to respondent No.1- Thane Municipal Corporation directing therein to submit timeline as to by when, the same would be shifted for recycling/treating work of solid waste to the original site i.e. at post Daighar, returnable within two weeks.

7. Put up this matter for further consideration on 05.03.2025

Dinesh Kumar Singh, JM

Dr. Vijay Kulkarni, EM

January 29, 2025
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