

Original Application No. 107/2014 (CZ)

Dr. Subhash C. Pandey Vs. Union of India & Ors.

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DALIP SINGH, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. P.S. RAO, EXPERT MEMBER**

PRESENT : Applicant :

Applicant in person.

**Respondent No.1 :
Respondent No. 2,4,6:**

**Shri Om S. Shrivastav, Advocate
Shri Sachin Verma, Advocate with
Shri A.M. Sharma, OIC**

**Respondent No. 8 :
Respondent No. 7 :**

**Shri Deepesh Joshi, Advocate
Ms. Parul Bhadoria, Adv. For Shri
Purushaindra Kaurav, Advocate**

Respondent 10:-

**Mr. R. Tiwari, Adv. with Shri K.K.
Badgiyan R.M.
Mr. Rajesh, Asst. Manager, AIC and
Mr. Vishal, Manager, AIC.
Mr. M.K. Pandey, IMD.**

Date and Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
Item No. 6 27th May, 2014	<p>Vide order of 25th April, 2014 this Tribunal had directed the Principal Secretary, Agriculture Department to convene a meeting of experts enumerated in the said order for finding a solution to the problem of causing air pollution and carbon emission as a result of burning of agriculture crop residue in the fields not only as a result of that occurred large scale damage to the crops during this year due to hailstorms but also on a regular basis as a result of mechanised way of crop harvest being done by the farmers leaving lot of crop residue in the field.</p> <p>Shri Sachin Verma, learned Standing Counsel for the State submitted that the aforesaid meeting could not be convened though on 19th May, 2014 he had assured that the meeting would be convened but as a result of transfer of some of the officers including the Principal Secretary, Agriculture the meeting could not be convened. He submitted that the matter may be adjourned and taken up in July after summer vacation by which time a meeting would be</p>

convened and issues addressed.

Officers of the Agriculture Department and Agriculture Insurance Company are present in the Court today along with their counsel and they have submitted that the assessment of crop damage having been completed the claims are yet to be processed and finalized as the meeting of the claims Committee which is required to address the same, has not yet been convened. It was submitted that a meeting is convened once in generally month and the aforesaid meeting has not been convened so far.

Though we do not wish to comment on the above state of affairs however it only goes to show that the concerned persons and officials who are required to deal with these specific issues, do not seem to be sensitive to the problem faced by the agriculturists and farmers. Delay in this matter will add to multiplicity of the problems faced by the farmers. Even the State Government does not appear to be seriously pursuing the matter with the Insurance Company or the Central Government.

Learned counsel for the Insurance Company submitted that a meeting would be convened shortly and the views expressed by the Tribunal shall also be conveyed to the Chairman and Members of the committee.

The Meteorological Department has submitted their reply stating that global warming is the cause for change in the weather pattern and filed the documents to show that regular weather bulletins are being flashed for the benefit of the farmers. Copy of one such bulletin has also been annexed. The same is taken on record.

Since we have also been informed that the Principal Bench of NGT is seized of similar matter in O.A.No. 118/2013 and fixed the

next date of hearing on 2nd July, 2014, we direct that this matter be listed on **8th July, 2014.**

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