

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, CENTRAL ZONAL BENCH,
BHOPAL**

**Original Application No. 117/2014 (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 : None
Respondent No. 5 & 7 : Shri Sachin Verma, Advocate
Shri Anil Kumar Khare, Jt. Director
Respondent No. 2 : Shri Yadvendra Yadav, Advocate
Respondent No. 8 : Ms. Parul Bhadoria, Adv. for
Shri Purushandra Kaurav, Advocate**

Date and Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
Item No. 12 19th December, 2014	<p>Heard the Learned Counsel for the parties.</p> <p>Shri Sachin K.Verma, Learned Counsel for the State, assisted by Shri Anil Kumar Khare, Joint Director, Horticulture, Government of Madhya Pradesh submitted that the District Administration in all the Districts have been alerted to ensure that no sewage farming i.e. growing of vegetables and agriculture crops by irrigating with sewage water shall be permitted and the existing crops are also being destroyed. It has been submitted on behalf of the State that the Horticulture Department was instructed to frame a policy for finding viable substitute of growing non-edible crops such as floriculture for the benefit of the farmers directly affected and also the policy shall take into account areas where such crop/produce can be viably marketed</p>

by the farmers and even if necessary an agency for this purpose shall be set up by the State.

It has also been submitted that apart from encouraging cultivation of flowers, research findings if already available, be examined. Otherwise, help of a suitable research institute in the field of agriculture shall be taken up to provide information with regard to growing of suitable edible crops other than vegetables in such areas which shall have minimum impact as a result of irrigating them with the sewage water which may not be harmful for human consumption or have minimal impact within permissible limits. Learned Counsel for the State prays for six weeks time to submit the compliance report in this behalf.

In the meanwhile, the authorities particularly the District Administration shall keep a strict vigil with regard to any such cultivation particularly that of vegetables being carried out which may be harmful for human consumption and ensure the removal or destruction of such crop.

It has been submitted by the Learned Counsel for the State that the Sewage Treatment Plants are also going to be established so as to ensure that no untreated sewage is allowed to come into nallahs/streams/rivers and once no untreated sewage is allowed to be discharged, the problem will be solved permanently.

Let the matter be listed on **20th February, 2015.**

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