

## **High Court of Karnataka**

Daily Orders of the Case Number: WP 24739/2012 for the date of order 10/11/2017

**Honble Justice B.S PATIL AND B.V.NAGARATHNA**

**10/11/2017**

**Order in WP 24739/2012**

As per directions issued earlier in these writ petitions, particularly vide order dated 04.09.2017, Ward Committees have been constituted and in this regard, counsel for the respondent-Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has filed the decision taken by the BBMP on 31.10.2017, which shows that Ward Committees have been put in place.

Petitioners have come up with suggestions that Ward Committees have to now discharge the twin task. Firstly of examining Ward Micro Plan prepared by the BBMP for each Ward with regard to solid waste management and secondly, to prepare a fresh plan depending on the needs of each Ward pertaining to solid waste management as per directions already issued by this Court from time-to-time (i.e. on 17.12.2015, 23.06.2016 and on other different dates).

In order to facilitate Ward Committees to effectively discharge their duties as per directions issued by this Court and in terms of obligations cast upon it under Section 13 I (h) of the Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, 1976 so as to ensure proper solid waste management and sanitization in the respective Ward, the BBMP has to make available orders containing specific directions issued by this Court in these writ petitions from time-to-time by preparing booklets. The BBMP shall also make available the Ward Micro Plan prepared to each of the Wards. This exercise shall be completed within ten days from today. Thereafter, the BBMP shall ensure that Ward Committee Meetings are convened at ward-level on or before 30.11.2017.

We hope and trust that Ward Committees will engage themselves seriously in the task assigned to them under the provisions of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1976, particularly, Section 13 I, and also in terms of the Rules pertaining to Municipal Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.

We also hope that respective Ward Committees will prepare action plan and submit action taken report to the BBMP in such meetings and the BBMP shall place before the Court substance of such decision taken, and action initiated, for perusal and further action by this Court prepared in a tabular form Ward-wise and the same shall also be uploaded in the BBMP website.

It is submitted by the petitioners that the BBMP has now resorted to dumping the solid waste in Quarries situated in Bagalur, Mittiganahalli, Bellahalli and other Quarries in those villages situated in the vicinity of Bengaluru City. According to the petitioners, this has resulted in serious health hazard to the residents of nearby villages located in the vicinity of said Quarries apart from resulting in several other problems.

Confronted with this, learned counsel appearing for the BBMP submits that now that Ward

**Committees have been constituted, the BBMP will come up with action plan to establish additional plants for managing wastes within the Wards by identifying suitable places.**

**We are of the view that this exercise has to be done on top priority and action plan in this regard furnishing details of additional plants to be established and its locations in different Wards has to be submitted by the BBMP by the next date of hearing, after furnishing a copy of the same to the petitioners.**

**Re-list these matters on 08.12.2017.**

**A copy of this order be handed-over to learned counsel for the Corporation.**

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