Reply to HRCase no. 3167/2017 dated 2.11.2020 – Ltr no. SE/HLWBMC/HRC/2020 dated 29.02.2020

Sub: Lake Id 3803 , Pedda cheruvu, Nacharam village, Uppal Mandal, Medchal District

- 1- In reply to para 1 of the report i have to state as follows:
- a) Whereas the area of Lake id 3803 Pedda cheruvu, Nacharam village, Uppal Mandal, Medchal District as per survey done on 9.10.2013 is stated as 108.30 acres;
- as per HUDA notification No.3195/PR/H/2000 dated 4.5.2000 the area of Peda cheruvu, Nacharam village, is stated as 50.40 hectares i.e., 124.5411 acres
- b) Whereas GO 33 pertaining to Zoning Regulations and all subsequent GO mandate 30mtrs of buffer zone for lakes of more than 10 hectares; the final notification map issued by HMDA-GHMC-Irrigation mention 'BUFFER ZONE 9m FROM FTL LINE'.
- c) Whereas the FTL map itself denotes some encroachments it is questionable if the 108 acres stated in the Report is free from encroachments on ground. (FTL map enclosed)
- d) Whereas the Cadastral map finalized by authorities have demarcated the FTL and buffer zone boundary inside the FTL boundary of the village map; the map has to be finalized as per the Guidelines laid down for demarcating FTL and buffer zone (Cadastral map enclosed)
- e) The Commissioner should submit the kml file generated from the geo coordinates given the FTL file and overlay it on google earth, survey of india digital maps to assess the encroachments and to restore the lake to its area, and volume.
- f) Whereas the Survey of India maps (map enclosed) show the lake to the south of pedda cheruvu, whereas the same has been informed to the GHMC, HMDA since 2014 itself that the missing lake in the HMDA ghmc database should be included and restored, no action or response in that regard till date
- 2- In reply to para 2 it is stated that this case arouse of the public cause of toxic pollution in the pedda cheruvu petitioned to NHRC on 27.07.2017 matter stated as below:

'Sub: Highly contaminated Life threatening Nacharam Lake @ 17°25'4.38"N 78°33'19.11"E and many other lakes in Hyderabad and adjacent districts Ref: Attached pic album depicting chemical-polluted lake destroying,, downstream lake Nalla cheruvu

and pouring into Moosi nadi which is tributary to Krishna Nadi - Krishna Nadi is drinking water source & irrigation source

Kindly peruse the attached picture album. We register our grievance with your commission, with full trust that an early public hearing be conducted on all the lakes under GHMC jurisdiction.

GHMC/SE HL&WBM(Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation/Superintending Engineer, Hyderabad Lakes & Water Bodies Management) do not have any action plan to contain the pollution of the 179 lakes in its jurisdiction. it simply diverts pollution to another lake at best, spending huge public money, thus proliferating alarming pollution levels on a continuum.

And, GHMC/SE HL&WBM does not respond to our representations in spite of suggesting alterantive methodologies to save lakes of Hyderabad.'

As observed from above petitioned matter, four issues are highlighted:

- i) industrial and sewage pollution in the lake;
- ii) No action plan of containing/stopping pollution;
- iii) Pollution is being diverted instead of being stopped, thus profilerating pollution;
- iv) alternative methodologies not being adopted or considered;

Whereas it is scientific and as per the rules that the sewage and industrial effluents should be handled in their vicinity and should be re-used, GHMC HMDA TSPCB are continuously proliferating the polluted toxic waters and polluting the streams and stating the same as an accepted normal in their report.

Thus, GHMC has not responded to our petition but simply doing time pass without any action.

3- In reply to para 3 it is stated that the very STP is inside the FTL of the pedda cheruvu. Further the STP is not equipped to handle idustrial effluents. The commissioner has failed to state the analysis of the pollution entering and how the functionality of the STP has brought clean water, as only clean water can enter lake.

Thus it is necessary that colonies and industries should re-use the treated waters, if indeed the treated waters as so clean as to be let out in the lake.

Thus increasing the STP capacity is not the solution but stopping the pollution from proliferation and treating in the respective vicinities and re-using the waters is the only sustainable solution especially in light of the climate crisis the city of hyderabad is facing.

4- In reply to para 4 i have to state as follows:

by squandering rs.3.14 crores the GHMC has laid road inside the FTL of the pedda cheruvu that is blatantly against the law.

It is also squandering money by periodical removal of hyacinth, since hyacinth will keep coming as long as there is continuous flow of pollution inside the lake.

The people of high court colony have emailed that the maud minister and local ruling party leaders are now laying link road connecting to the bund of the pedda cheruvu. Locals are opposing the road.

5- Constitutional overriding and Telangana law overridden:

The road laying and pollution and encroachment of the lake has not been till now discussed in the Ward Committee as mandated by the constitution of India. Similarly it is not discussedi in the Uppal Mandal WALTA authority, Medchal district authority or in the Telangana State walta authority.

Thus the report filed by Commissioner contains of accepted illegalities and does not answer the petition of 27 july 2017 due to which this case arouse.

Please render justice.

best

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