

**WP(PIL) No.125 of 2024**

Gaddam Aravind

...Petitioner

Vs.

Government of India and Others

...Respondent(s)

Mr. Kallemu Vijaya Raju, Advocate for Petitioner(s)

Mr. Jupudi V K Yagna Dutt (Central Government Counsel), Advocate for
Respondent No.1.Mr. V. Surendra Reddy (SC FOR PCB), Advocate for Respondent Nos.4, 6 &
7.**CORAM : THE CHIEF JUSTICE DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR
SRI JUSTICE NINALA JAYASURYA****DATE : 10th July 2024****P C :**

The issues raised in the present petition are that the A.P. Pollution Control Board was required to conduct a gap analysis with a view to determine as to whether there was need for setting up additional facilities for treatment of bio-medical waste.

It is stated that as on date, out of 12 facilities in the State, only 11 were functional and that there was need to establish more of such facilities.

Mr. V. Surendra Reddy, learned counsel for respondent No.4 – A.P Pollution Control Board states that a gap analysis has been done and a report has been sent to the Central Pollution Control Board *vide* communication, dated 14.06.2024.

We direct respondent No.4 to place on record a copy of the said report. We are surprised to hear from learned counsel for the A.P Pollution Control Board that he should place the said report in a sealed cover.

We do not find any reason as to why the report should be placed in a sealed cover when the issues are covered by statutory provisions and there is an obligation on the authorities to deal with the issue which otherwise can cause serious hazards to the human species.

We, therefore, direct the Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board – respondent No.4 to place on record the report, with a copy to the petitioner counsel. We also direct the Central Pollution Control Board – respondent No.3 to take an appropriate decision on the report so furnished by respondent No.4, within a period of three weeks.

Notice to the respondents returnable on 31.07.2024.

Personal notice on respondent Nos.8 & 9 is permitted.

List on 31.07.2024.

DHIRAJ SINGH THAKUR, CJ

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