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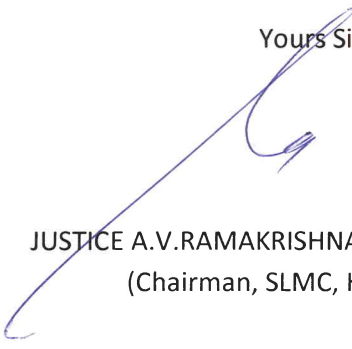
04.04.2023

Sir,

Kindly see the appended report in O.A. Nos.442/2013(SZ), 20/2017(SZ) and 276/2017(SZ) regarding the fire incident occurred on 26.03.2023 in the Solid Waste dumping yard at Brahmapuram in Ernakulam District.

The same may kindly be placed before the Hon'ble Tribunal for consideration and orders.

Yours Sincerely,


JUSTICE A.V.RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI,
(Chairman, SLMC, KERALA)

To
The Registrar,
National Green Tribunal, Southern Zone Bench,
Kalas Mahal, Kamarajar Salai, PWD Estate,
Chepauk, Triplicane, Chennai, Tamil Nadu-600005.

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL,
SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI**

O.A. Nos.442/2013(SZ), 20/2017(SZ) and 276/2017(SZ)

REPORT

PRESENTED BY JUSTICE A.V.RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI
(FORMER JUDGE, HIGH COURT OF KERALA)
CHAIRMAN, STATE LEVEL MONITORING COMMITTEE, KERALA
(FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE AFORESAID COMMITTEE)
REGARDING THE FIRE INCIDENT OCCURED AT ABOUT 4.30 P.M.
ON 26.03.2023 IN THE SOLID WASTE DUMPING YARD AT
BRAHMAPURAM IN ERNAKULAM DISTRICT

PRESENTED ON : 04.04.2023

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REPORT

It is quite unfortunate to note that, even before the life in Kochi City, affected by the aftermath of the fire occurred at the Solid Waste Dumping Yard, Brahmapuram on 02.03.2023 which lasted for about 12 days, could return to normalcy, another fire broke out at the said yard at about 4.30 p.m. on 26.03.2023.

As I could not go to the Yard because of the respiratory problems precipitated after my previous inspection of the yard, on receipt of the information, I have instructed the Chief Environmental Engineer, KSPCB, Regional Office, Ernakulam to send a team for local inspection and to submit a report.

Reportedly, the fire broke out at Sector 7 of the yard (Near to the FSTP plant) where the fire fighting operations during the first week of March 2023 concluded.


It was reported by the Chief Environmental Engineer that no on-site fire fighting arrangements were found except the fire tenders provided by the Fire and Rescue Department whose timely effort could extinguish the fire at about 8.30 p.m. on the same day.

In my previous report I have pointed out that unless the entire legacy waste dumped at the yard are processed and removed on war footing, there is every chance of recurrence of such incidents.

Till the said process is completed, on-site fire fighting arrangements as suggested by the Fire and Rescue Department (Kindly see pages 20 and 21 of my previous report dated 13.03.2023) have to be installed to avoid untoward incidents.

Annexure-X series are the screen shots of the fire incident on 26.03.2023.

Dated this the 4th day of April, 2023.


Justice A.V. Ramakrishna Pillai
(Former Judge, High Court of Kerala)
Chairman, SLMC, Kerala.

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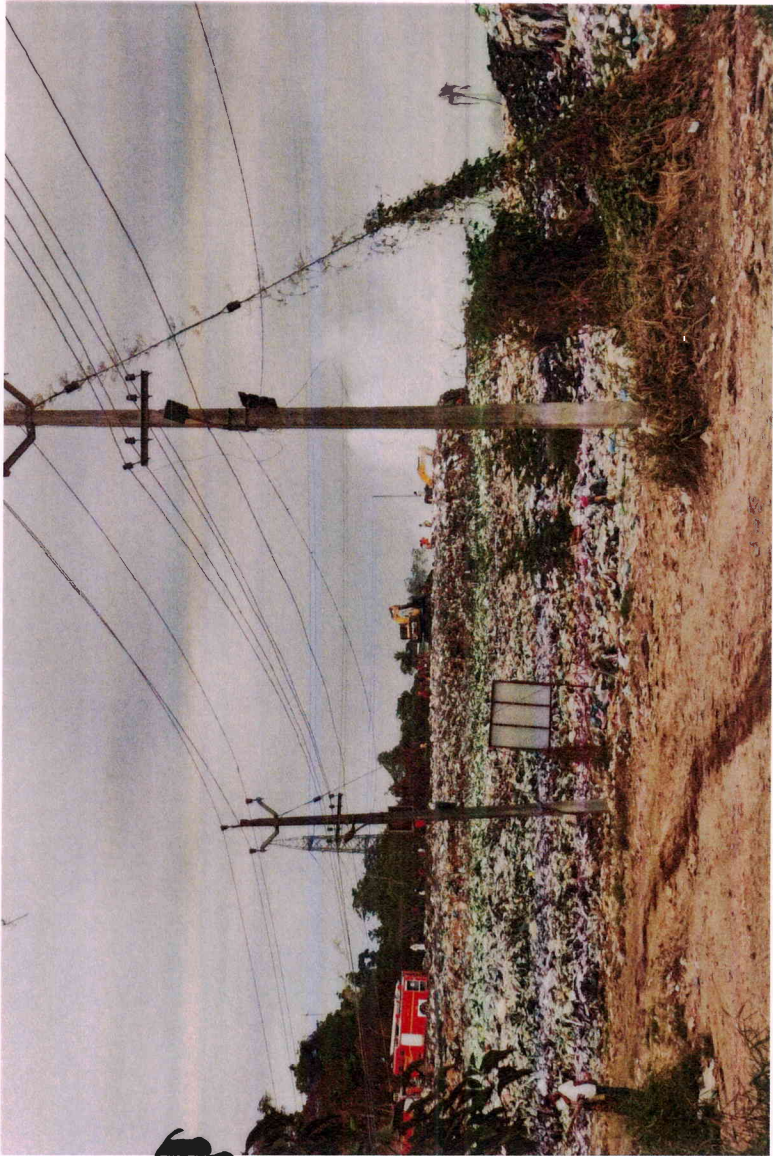


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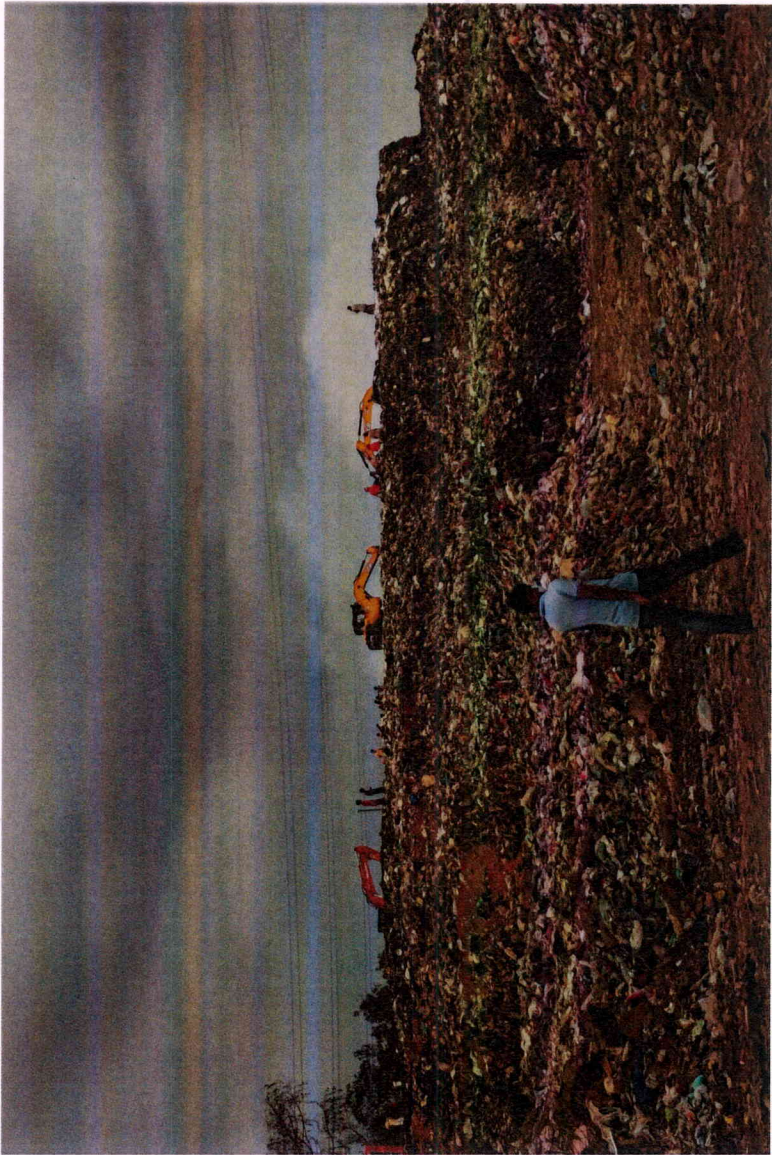
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