

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

FRIDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN

PRESENT

**THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
SRI KALYAN JYOTI SEN GUPTA**

AND

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE K.C. BHANU

WRIT PETITION No. 26201 OF 2013

Between:

Medudula Yadagiri

..... Petitioner

AND

District Collector,
Medak District,
Sangareddy and others

.....Respondents

The Court made the following :

ORDER: *(per the Hon'ble the Chief Justice Sri K.J. Sengupta)*

It appears to us that complaint was given to the Pollution Control Board by the petitioner alleging that pollution is being caused because of running of the factory by the second respondent. It is also alleged that because of the pollution, there has been severe damage to the crops. It appears that the Pollution Control Board is cognizant of this situation and as such a letter has been written to the Collector for taking measures for payment of compensation.

Unfortunately, no steps have been taken by the Control Board to combat or prevent the pollution problem. Of course, today is the date for hearing. Therefore, we feel that this matter should not be detained any longer. We direct the Pollution Control Board to take steps in accordance with law treating the order in the writ petition as a fresh complaint, although the said complaint was made in 2011, admittedly. The Pollution Control Board may make enquiry by deputing appropriate personnel at the site or factory and all lawful measures shall be taken to combat the pollution being created by running of the factory by the respondent No.2. The first respondent shall also look into the problem for payment of damages done due to the pollution to the residents of the locality. This exercise shall be completed within four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. If any measure is taken against the respondent No.2, notice shall be given for hearing before taking any such measure.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. No order as to costs.

Kalyan Jyoti Sengupta, CJ.

K.C. Bhanu, J.

September 06, 2013

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