

## **Calling Attention tabled by Hon'ble MLA SHRI MICHAEL LOBO**

### **Reply by Hon'ble Minister for Science and Technology and Waste Management**

Speaker Sir,

The capacity of Solid Waste Management Facility at Saligao was enhanced from 100 TPD to 250 TPD in 2021 considering the increasing waste quantity over period and to cater to the future demand of 10 years.

In the Hon'ble High Court on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023, the Department of Urban Development filed a report wherein it was mentioned that 30 tons of waste shall be transported to Saligao facility from MMC and therefore MMC was allowed to send **30 tons** of waste to Saligao facility as per High Court Order.

Presently MMC is sending on average about **27 tons** of wet waste daily and total average waste received in July at Saligao facility including MMC wet waste is **about 240.6 tons**. It may be noted that the waste received from MMC is on temporary basis and which could be till the facility reaches its designed capacity of 250 tons. The Saligao Facility is on the brink of reaching its full capacity and further from August end, it will start receiving additional garbage from Beach-belt Panchayats in North Goa.

The waste transporting vehicles should be complying to Solid Waste Management Rules 2016, i.e. properly covered and equipped with leachate collection tanks, so as to ensure that there is no leachate dropping/leaking while transportation. Vehicle getting waste from Sonsoddo to Saligao SWMF are covered and equipped with leachate collection tanks.

GWMC has also issued several letters to other local bodies getting waste to Saligao facility to provide leachate collection tanks and to ensure that vehicles are properly covered and that there is no dropping/leaking of leachate from the vehicles transporting waste. Considering the issue raised by Hon'ble MLA, will monitor all the vehicles getting waste at Saligao facility and details will be forwarded to GSPCB to take action against all the vehicles which are not equipped with leachate collection tanks and which are not properly covered.

**Reg. Cacora 100 TPD facility**

- Would also like to bring to the notice of the House that Solid Waste Management facility at Cacora is completed and has already started commercial operations from May 2023.
- Capacity of Cacora Facility is 100 TPD and is presently receiving only about 18 tons of waste on daily basis. The cost of setting up Cacora facility is about Rs. 173 crores, of which 75% of cost is Govt. share and 25% of cost is borne by concessionaire.
- Presently Govt. is bearing all the cost and the local bodies are not charged any tipping fees for the waste being treating at facilities.
- The present need of the hour is that the Cacora facility is supplied with maximum quantity of waste from the four Taluka's of Canacona, Sanguem, Quepem and Dharbandora.

As such there is no need to have any fear and anxiety in the minds of people regarding the waste which is transported to the Saligao plant.

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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA**

**PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION WRIT PETITION NO.45 OF 2019**

**WITH**

**MISC. CIVIL APPLICATION NO.1416/2023 (F)**

**CITIZENS FOR  
SONSODO, THR. ITS  
SECRETARY, ROQUE  
MASCARENHAS AND  
ANR.**

**... PETITIONER**

***Versus***

**MARGAO MUNICIPAL  
COUNCIL, THR. ITS  
CHIEF OFFICER,  
MARGAO AND 5 ORS.**

**... RESPONDENTS**

Mr Om D'Costa, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr S.D. Padiyar with Mr P. Shirodkar, Advocate for  
Respondent No.1.

Mr Akhil Parrikar, Advocate for Respondent No.2.

Mr D. Pangam, Advocate General with Mr S.P. Munj,  
Additional Government Advocate for Respondent Nos.3,5 & 6.

Mr Pavithran A.V., Advocate for Respondent No.4.

Mr Vinoj K. Daniel, Advocate for Respondent No.9.

**CORAM: M. S. SONAK &  
BHARAT P. DESHPANDE, JJ.**

**DATE : 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023**

**ORAL ORDER : (Per M.S. Sonak, J.)**

1. The learned Advocate General submits that yesterday, under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, a high-level meeting was held to explore the various remedies to combat the situation at

Sonsodo. He submitted that in the meeting, it was resolved to issue certain directions. Under the same, such directions have been issued vide order dated 11.07.2023.

2. The order dated 11.07.2023 issued by the Director of Urban Development reads as follows:

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*No.14/DMA/14thFin/Margao/Part-I/1157 Dated: 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023.*

**ORDER**

*As reported by the District Collector (South), Margao, before the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay at Goa in PIL.WP.45/2019, on the subject matter of Solid Waste Management at Sonsodo, the following instructions/directions are hereby issued forthwith:*

- 1. The Chief Officer, Margao Municipal Council shall report to the Secretary (UD) regarding the waste management activities carried out at Sonsodo site at Margao on day-to-day basis.*
- 2. The Chief Officer shall procure three additional bailing machines to bail the dry waste which is stored in the existing shed.*
- 3. The Chief Officer shall hire a generator for the purpose of bailing of dry waste till the transformer is set up.*

*4. The wet waste of 30.00 MTs shall be transported to Waste Management Plant at Saligao. This waste shall be strictly segregated and care shall be taken by the Chief Officer that no leachate is discharged during transportation.*

*5. The Chief Officer shall take the work of expansion of existing shed on priority and complete the same within 60 days time.*

*6. Of the 10000 MTs matured waste, 5000 MTs lying in MSW shed shall be removed and shifted at the ground floor at Compost Storage area immediately to avoid fire incidents. This work shall be commenced immediately and shall be completed within 60 days time.*

*7. The Chief Officer shall hire JCB on rentals and same should be deployed at MSW site.*

*8. The Chief Officer shall engage two Engineers at Sonsodo site, who shall work on shift basis and these Engineers shall be responsible to carry out Solid Waste Management work without any hindrance.*

*9. Funds of Rs.3,74,27,725/- (Rupees three crores seventy four lakhs twenty seven thousand seven hundred twenty five only) already sanctioned for civil works shall be utilised expeditiously and all civil works shall be completed in a time bound manner .*

*Sd/-*

*(Gurudas P. Pilarnekar)*

*Director of Urban Development*

*To,  
The Chief Officer,  
Margao Municipal Council,  
Margao-Goa.*

*Copy to: 1. The Secretary (UD), Urban Development Department, Secretariat Porvorim-Goa.*

*2. The Chairperson, Margao Municipal Council, Margao-Goa.*

*3. The OSD to the Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development, Secretariat-Porvorim-Goa."*

3. We must earnestly appreciate the prompt steps the Hon'ble Chief Minister and his team took in this matter. Not only was an urgent meeting held, but further, the decisions in this meeting were also given effect on the same date.

4. We also appreciate the prompt steps taken by Mr Asvin Chandru, the District Collector, South Goa, who is also the Chairperson of the District Disaster Management Authority. This Officer promptly visited the Sonsodo site and even submitted an interim report based on his visit. This Officer has made several suggestions in the interim report, and we are sure this visit and this report were considered in yesterday's meeting.

5. The learned Advocate General informed us that hereafter the Secretary (UD) will receive reports from the Chief Officer of Margao Municipal Council (MMC) daily and monitor the situation. The learned Advocate General pointed out that this is provided in clause (1) of the above order dated 11.07.2023.

6. The learned Advocate General also submitted that the MMC has to take several emergent steps regarding the order dated 11.07.2023. Based on instructions, Mr Padiyar, the learned Counsel

for the MMC, stated that such steps would be taken with utmost promptitude. Considering the experience, we direct the MMC, including its Chief Officer, to give this matter the utmost priority, and without giving the usual or, at times, ingenious excuses, the directions in the order dated 11.07.2023 must be complied with.

7. Though the Secretary (UD) is going to monitor the situation on a day-to-day basis, we post this matter on 19.07.2023. By this date, the Chief Officer of MMC, must file a report before us regards compliance with the directives in the order dated 11.07.2023. A copy of this affidavit/compliance report must be furnished to the Secretary (UD) by 18.07.2023. A copy must also be furnished to the office of the learned Advocate General.

8. The Secretary (UD) or any other Officer authorised by him is free to invite our attention to the status of compliances. If there are no compliances this time, we will be constrained to initiate action against those involved.

9. Misc. Civil application No.1416/2023(F) filed by the MMC seeking an extension of time will be considered on 19.07.2023, subject to the status of compliances by the MMC.

10. This order is made in the presence of Mr Gaurish Sankwalkar, Chief Officer and Mr Manoj Arsekar, the Municipal Engineer of MMC.

**BHARAT P. DESHPANDE, J.**

**M. S. SONAK, J.**