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Ministry of Railways
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The General Managers
All Zonal Railways.

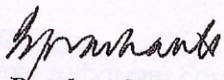
Sub: Case on Environment pollution before National Green Tribunal(NGT) at New Delhi in the matter of Solani Singh Vs Union of India and Ors..-

As per the order of NGT dated 18.3.2013, a Committee headed by Adviser (Environment) has prepared guidelines for handling municipal solid waste arising in the railway area of stations and tracks.

A copy of the guidelines is enclosed for immediate action under intimation in this office.

This has the approval of Railway Board.

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Sub : Guidelines for handling Municipal Solid Waste arising in the Railway area of stations and track.

1.0 National Green Tribunal has passed an order dated 18.03.15 in response to OA No. 141 of 2014 (Saloni Singh & Anr. Vs Union of India & others) on the above subject. Following are the summarized directions of NGT:-


- (i) Railways should ensure that all platforms are kept clean and free of any Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)
- (ii) MSW from platforms and railway tracks would be collected and disposed off in accordance with 'Municipal Solid Waste Rules 2000' to the designated MSW disposal site only as final disposal and to no other place
- (iii) Concerned Railway authorities should maintain records for compliance of the above directions, to be produced before the tribunal as and when directed
- (iv) Effluents generated in Railway stations and nearby depots should not be permitted to seep into ground water or stagnate in any area nearby. These effluents should be discharged into STP/CETP to be located near major stations. Treated discharges from such STP/CETP shall be recycled for appropriate inferior uses.

2.0 The tribunal has passed specific orders for collection and disposal of MSW from Delhi Railway areas which are subjected to encroachment. These directions are equally applicable to similar Railway areas located nearby cities and hence need to be acted upon by all Zonal Railways, as directed by NGT, summarized below:-

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- (i) MSW accumulated already in the Railway land area should be cleared and disposed off appropriately by Railways as a onetime effort after which action should be taken to maintain these areas clean by growing of trees and levying compensation of Rs. 5000/- to those polluting on the 'polluters pays principle'.
 - (ii) Appropriate sized dustbins must be put up at convenient locations in all such encroached areas by the local government and arrangements made for disposal of MSW collected in such dustbins, as per the extant rules.
 - (iii) Suitable mobile toilets/eco friendly toilets have to be provided for the use of encroachers in the Railway land by the local government to avoid human evacuation on the Railway track and nearby.

3.0 Zonal Railways shall prepare a time bound action plan for implementation of the above guidelines in paras (1) & (2) and send the same to Railway Board within a month i.e. on or before 18-05-2015.


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