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Secretary



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D.O. No. 2/1/2016-SBM-II  
May 13, 2016

Dear

During recent interactions with a number of Municipal Commissioners, for making Swachh Bharat Mission a success, the issue of tackling the problem of open defecation in the unauthorized colonies or slums on railway lands was highlighted. It was pointed out that while the municipal authorities are willing to put up facilities for collection of municipal solid waste in such areas and installing public toilets / community toilets for the use of unauthorized settlers, permission from the railway authorities is not forthcoming.

2. In this regard, discussions have been held with the Chairman, Railway Board on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2016. During these discussions, it was brought to our notice that on the basis of an order passed by the National Green Tribunal, Railway Board has issued guidelines to all Zonal Railways for handling municipal solid waste in all railway areas, including those which have been encroached. The Railway Board has also clarified that while the tribunal has passed specific orders in respect of Delhi railway areas, the directives are equally applicable to similar railway areas located in all cities and need to be acted upon by all Zonal Railways. A copy of the Guidelines is enclosed. The relevant part of the guidelines is summed up as under:

- (i) Local Government has to make arrangement for putting up appropriate size dustbins at convenient locations and for disposal of MSW collected in these dustbins;
- (ii) Local Government to provide suitable mobile toilet/eco friendly toilets for the use of encroachers in the Railway land to avoid human evacuation on the Railway track and nearby.

3. I would, therefore, request you to kindly ask all urban local bodies / local authorities to chalk out an Action Plan in consultation with the Railway Authorities, in terms of the guidelines as reproduced above, so that these areas can also be attended to and the entire city/town can be declared as open defecation free.

With regards,

Encl.: As above

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-  
(Rajiv Gauba)

Chief Secretaries/Administrators of all States/UTs

Copy to:

Principal Secretary/Secretary of UD Department of all States/UTs  
Municipal Commissioners/Head of ULBs

Sd/-  
(Praveen Prakash)  
Joint Secretary

Government of India  
Ministry of Railways  
(Railway Board)

10/1 (13)  
NGT order - immediate

No.2015/Environ /01/03

New Delhi, dated: 30.04.2015

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.

D.A.. As Above

  
(B. Prashanth Kumar)  
Executive Director, Passenger Marketing  
Railway Board.

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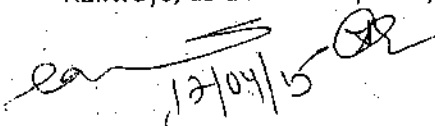
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**Sub : Guidelines for handling Municipal Solid Waste arising in the Railway area of stations and track.**

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:-

  
12/04/15

