

W.P No.4686/2006

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Dear Mr. Rajagopalan

This is in reference to the WP No. 4686/2006 in the matter of Nityanand Jayaraman V. UOI & Ors. The matter pertains to the issue of remediation of the area in the land around Hindustan Unilever's former mercury thermometer factory in Kodiakanal, Tamilnadu.

2. It is to inform that the matter has been examined in detail within this Ministry and accordingly as approved by the Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, it was decided that instead of deliberating further on the proposed Site Specific Target Level (SSTL) for remediation will reduce the existing mercury of up to 280 mg/Kg for soils, 34,000mg/Kg in drain debris and 45000mg/Kg in near process areato 20 mg/kg as recommended by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) shall be complied with and remediation procedure needs to be initiated immediately. Government of Tamil Nadu has been requested for further immediate action.
3. The decision was based on the review of reports of Scientific Expert Committee constituted for the purpose and Central Pollution Control Board vis-à-vis the standards and studies prevalent in other countries.
4. The site specific risk study has been carried out and after having taken into account source-receptor-pathway approach the SSTL value of 20mg/kg was finalized for remediation purpose.
5. The copy of the response in the matter from the Hon'ble Minister Environment, Forest and Climate Change in one of the VIP reference is enclosed herewith for reference.

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D.O. No. 1-20/2015-HSMD

Dated: 21st December, 2015

Dear Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss Ji,

I am in receipt of your letter No. TKR/56/File 19/2015 dated 02.10.2015 in the subject matter of decontamination and remediation of mercury contaminated areas in Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu. You have raised concern on the process of decontamination by respective agencies specifically highlighting the outcome standards after decontamination. In this regard, I am to inform you that the reports of Scientific Expert Committee and Central Pollution Control Board vis-a-vis the standards prevalent in other countries have been examined in the Ministry. The site specific risk study has been carried out after having taken into account source-receptor-pathway approach, and accordingly it has been decided that instead of deliberating further on the proposed SSTL which will reduce the existing mercury of up to 280 mg/kg for soils, 34,000 mg/kg in drain debris and 45,000 mg/kg in near process area to 20 mg/kg; the existing recommendation of CPCB which has all scientific basis needs to be complied with and remediation procedure needs to be initiated. Government of Tamil Nadu is being requested for further immediate action.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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