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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.176 OF 2012

Rajesh Madhukar Pandit and Ors.

... Petitioners

Vs.

The Nashik Municipal Corporation and others

... Respondents

Mr. Pravartak S. Pathak, for the Petitioners.

Mr. M.L. Patil, for Respondent Nos. 1 and 2.

Mr. R.B. Raghuwanshi i/by Raturaj Ambekar, for Respondent No.3.

Mr. Anil C. Singh, Additional Solicitor General a/w Mr. D.A. Nalawade
and Ravindra A. Lokhande, for Respondent No.4.

**CORAM : A.S. OKA &
G.S. KULKARNI, JJ.**

DATE : 13th OCTOBER, 2014

PC.

On the basis of the third Compliance Report submitted by the Committee appointed by this Court and the final report of the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), various directions will have to be issued. However, at this stage, our attention is invited to clause 6 of the third compliance report submitted by the Committee appointed by this Court. A very important recommendation has been made by the Committee. The Committee has noted that one of the important steps which is required to be taken to restrict the inputs of pollution in river stream upto Odha barrage is to

issue directives to the Water Resources Department of the State Government to reinstate the condition on India Bulls and the Eklahare Thermal Power Station to lift treated effluent directly from the outlets of the respective STPs located in Nashik City. The learned Government Pleader has placed on record a letter dated 9th October, 2014 addressed by the Superintending Engineer to the Chief Engineer of the concerned department. In paragraph 1 of the said letter, it is suggested that if a direction is issued to Nashik Municipal Corporation not to release the treated effluent into the Godavari river by directing India Bulls Company to lift the water directly from the STP outlet, the pollution in the Godavari river can be avoided. It is recorded that though the Executive Engineer has approached India Bulls, there is no response from the said Company.

2. In view of this communication and in view of the recommendation of the Committee, we permit the Petitioners to amend the Petition for impleading additional parties including M/s. India Bulls. Amendment to be carried out by 28th October, 2014. Advocate for the Petitioners to serve private notice to the added parties informing the said parties that the Petition shall be listed before this Court on 7th November, 2014 for issuing further interim directions. Advocate for the Petitioner shall serve to the added Respondents, along with a copy of

the Petition, a copy of the third Compliance Report submitted to this Court.

3. The State Government shall place on record a copy of Agreement executed with M/s. India Bulls on or before the next date.

(G.S. KULKARNI, J)

(A.S.OKA, J)

Bombay High Court