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To,
Member Convenor
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Sub: Compliance for the letter dated No.NGT-SLC-2022-23/4266 dated 08-11-2023 email received 10 Nov 2023

1. The land fill site not identified by GP Gokarna, but a land of 0.98 hectre is granted for construction of FSTP and also MRF(Material Recycling Facility for Solid waste). With respect to the wet waste collection the association of M/s omkar enterprises has been withdrawn from GP by the former. However the wet waste collection (Veg waste) has been now done by GP by putting additional labour and manure is being generated. However because of the lack of marketing opportunities the manure is not being sold, which is burdening the Grama panchyath both in terms of Finance and also the space. And also with respect the solid dry waste collection an MoU was signed between TIPS sessions charitable trust and Gokarna GP. However because of the co-ordination issues and the incompetency of vendor , especially during December 2022 and January 2023 lots of issues were raised by public and local news papers, which made the GP Gokarna to terminate the contract with TIPS sessions charitable trust. And now the GP Gokarna is handling the Solid waste management.
2. Gokarna GP has an average radius of 5 kms, and the end habitation is as far as 10kms. And we are covering waste collection of the town area of GP on daily basis. And the habitations we are covering on weekly and twice per week basis. With respect to the rajakalve (ie, Sangamanala) and accumulation of waste on streets and beach area, sangamanala , as Gokarna is known for its beach tourism and temple tourism, lots of tourists visit Gokarna on daily basis , on weekends the number of visitors reaches as high as 20000(during the year end and seasonal holidays. On an average around 5000 tourists regularly visit Gokarna, which is quite a challenge to manage. The streets are being cleaned regularly by 5 GP women sweepers and being collected. Because of the tourists the streets are being littered and Gramapanchayath Gokarna is cleaning the streets by sweepers

manually. A proposal for machinery for street sweeping has been discussed with CEO ZP karwar.

3. Regarding the dumping of the mixed waste, the street swept waste was originally dumped to the granted land Sy.no. 1492/A1 . But in the month of January 2023, the local people objected for dumping the street swept waste and other non segregatable waste, which is making it difficult for the waste management, although we are collecting around 800 kg of dry waste.
4. The waste that is seen in the SWM unit was the mixed waste which is collected from street sweeping which contains the cowdung, wet papers , food waste thrown by tourists, which previously was being dumped in granted land, which was opposed by local people and hence we are storing it in the SWM unit, which is making it ugly. And 8 labours are engaged in segregating the waste manually, which quite a challenging in the enormosity of the waste being generated.
5. The land Sy.no. 1492/A/1A in Gokarna GP has been approved for waste management by Forest department. The fund which has to be transferred to Forest department by PFMS, due to technical issues the fund is not getting transferred, the issue has been escalated to Chief Accounts Officer, Zilla Panchayath, and Karwar.
6. Gokarna GP has started constructing GI sheet boundary in the forest area, in order to extend the SWM unit as the waste being generated is increasing day by day. The dumping of the waste is now stopped at the area. The idea is to setup a mechanical machine for much efficient segregation waste.
7. The Public awareness about waste management is being done by GP regularly by playing audio clips on waste collection vehicles. The large scale movement will be organized by GP, with the help of KPSCB official, GP members, local NGOs, youth unions, local clubs.
8. The beach area is cleaned and the waste is not being dumped in the mentioned area near the main beach. From Sankranti till Mahashivaratri the tourists number will many folds than on a normal day, during this period the waste generation is also considerably high. Which is quite a difficult problem for GP to handle.
9. The bins were placed at the main beach as suggested by KPSCB officials, more bins will be installed at main beach and other high tourist traffic areas along with the public message about Waste management.
10. Name boards of "not to litter" are installed at various places in Gokarna. The number will be increased on high tourist traffic areas.
11. In the year 2020 people from CDD(a grey water management agency visited Gokarna, and suggested a pump well near Main beach for chemical treatment of sewage before being flown into Ocean. However the project was around as they

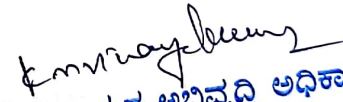
mentioned orally at that time was 80 lacs INR. Which is impossibly high fund that can be consolidated by Gram Panchayath.

12. On October 7th 2023 meeting involving locals , people representatives local youth clubs has been held under the chairmanship of CEO , Zilla panchayath karwar. The Agenda of the was the initiative called " Green Gokarna" the copy of activities that are being taken are attached in a separate file.

And also the following points are being submitted just for your information.

The amount of waste being generated and collected by Gokarna GP in around 800 kg, which is quite high for the GP level to handle. Both in terms of financial viability and also in terms of manpower. However, in town/city municipalities an environment engineer will be present to look after the issue of solid, liquid waste and also pollution related issues. An environment engineer position is very much essential considering the number of tourists (both temple and beaches) visit Gokarna throughout the year and the amount of waste that is being generated.

Also I urge the NGT and KSPCB authorities to recommend the state government to build a sophisticated MRF (Material Recycling Facility for Solid waste) at Gokarna under special scheme, also the Sewage treatment plant at Sangama nala near main beach Gokarna as no schemes are present to construct a MRF at Gokarna Grama Panchayath. And also recommend the upgradation of the Gokarna to Town panchayath which will enable to gather and get more funds to maintain cleanliness.


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