TRIPURA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION KUNJABAN: AGARTALA

Complaint No. 102 of 2025
(Complainant:- Nikhil Debnath and Jayanta Bhattacharjee)

ORDER SHEET

		Order	Note
SL.	Date		
No. 01	28/07/2025	Received a complaint form an organization	
0-		namely Forum for Protection of Environment and	
		Water Bodies through its president Sri Nikhil	
	2	Debnath and Secretary Sri Jayanta Bhattacharjee	
		having mobile No. 977425957 and 9436120318	
		having email ID fpewb2022@gmail.com alleging	
		violation of human rights and violation of	
		environmental rights due to inaction of District	
		Administration to implement the Mission Amrit	*
		Sarivar near Shalbagan, Agartala.	
		It is stated in the petition that after 75 years of	
		independence on a dream project on mission	
	•	Amrit Sarovar to create sustainable and long term	
		productive assets. It is stated that under that	и
		scheme one Saroval (water body) was constructed	
		in Salbagan, near Oxygen Park. As per the project	_ P
	a .	guideline, each Amrit Sarovar (water body) will	
		have pond edge area of minimum 1 acre with	
		water holding capacity of 10,000 cubic metre, i.e	
		depth should be 2.4 metres.	
		It is alleged that the said mission was	
		launched by the Prime Minister of India in April	
		2022. The complainants observed that the depth	
		of Amrit Saroval situated at Sarlbagan, Agartala is	

barely less than 3 ft.

Thereafter, the complainant forum approached to the DM & Collector, West Tripura to make an inquiry whether under his jurisdiction the Amrit Sarovar constructed under the scheme were duly constructed of not maintaining the proper scheme of the project.

The complainants forum did not received any reply from the DM & Collector, West Tripura and accordingly, they applied information through RTI and in response, the DM & Collector, West Tripura communicated two latters as one dated 12.11.2024 and another dated 25.03.2025. The documents dated 12.11.2024 shows that the DM & Collector, West Tripura simply forwarded the matter to the BSF authority, Salbagan without follow up and in response and the document dated 25.03.2025 shows that BSF authority in 28.01.2025 communicated on response categorically stated that no such Amrit Sarovar has been excavated or maintained by them on the given site. That reflects clear administrative negligence and lack of due diligence by DM & Collector, West Tripura, even after clarification received from BSF, DM & Collector, West Tripua, failed to initiate any further inquiry, assess the site or identify the responsible agency and such a negligence not only under minds the public trust but also violates the human rights of the citizens.



According to complainants, its violates

Article 21 the right to life which includes right to a clean and sustainable environment. In support of that claim they refer decision of the apex court mentioned in

- i. Subhash Kumar Vs. State of Bihar (1991) 1 SCC 598,
- ii. MC Mehta Vs. Union of India (2004) 12SCC 118 (Yamuna River Case)
- iii. A.P. Pollution Control board Vs. Prof.M.V. Nayudu (1999) 2 SCC 718 and
- iv. Hincha Ghat Vs. Union of India, NGT Eastern Bench (2021).

The complainant forum prays before this Commission to take cognizance on the matter as sustainable of environmental and violation environment is violation of human rights to make order for an independent fact finding inspection on the matter of Amrit Sarovar in West Tripura District as well as Salbagan, Amrit Sarovar, to recommend restoration of the Sarovar as per original design and depth, to make initial inquiry for administrative inaction and for misuse of public resources and lastly to direct publication of verified data on all Amrit Saroval developed in Tripura under the Scheme.

Considering the seriousness and gravity of the issues raised in the complaint, the Commission deems it appropriate to take cognizance of the matter. Accordingly, cognizance of this case is taken. Issue notice to the Secretary, Revenue Department, Govt. of Tripura, the Secretary, Rural Development Department, Govt. of Tripura, the Secretary, Science & Technology Department, Govt. of Tripura, being the competent authority of Tripura State Pollution Control Board to inquire into the matter of the complaint and to submit report by the next date.

List it on. 30/08/2025 for report of the above named Secretaries.

(Justice Arindam Lodh) Chairperson

> (U.Choudhuri) Member