

TRIPURA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
KUNJABAN : AGARTALA

Complaint No. 98 of 2025

(Complaint : Jayanta Bhattacharjee & Nikhil Debnath)

ORDER SHEET

Sl No	Date	Order	Note
05	19.09.2025	<p>Today the complainants are present.</p> <p>Received three reports, one from the Tripura State Pollution Control Board, sent by Dr. Bishu Karmakar, Member Secretary, who is physically present. Also received a report from Forest Department, signed by Akshay Balu Bhorde, IFS, District Forest Officer, West Tripura and Mr. K. Sasikumar, Chief Conservator of Forest, Govt. of Tripura is also physically present. Also received some documents along with a forwarding letter from the Director, Land Records and Settlement, Govt. of Tripura and good number of documents, being various types of Khatian.</p> <p>Keep those documents with the record.</p> <p>The copies of the documents and the reports, as received, be supplied to the complainants.</p> <p>No report has yet been received from the Urban Development Department, but a communication is made from the Urban Development Department, which shows that they have communicated something to the CEO, Agartala Smart Cities Ltd., by which they sought for certain documents.</p> <p>On behalf of the Revenue Department, Mr. Rupam Das, Deputy Secretary is present.</p> <p>None of the respondents-opposite parties have been able to clarify various aspects as regards the nature and</p>	

character of the lake as well as extent of damage as regards the environmental hazard, ecological balance etc. In view of this, following directions are given today to the various departments for the purpose of furnishing of requisite reports: -

- (1) The Department of Forest is to clarify the distinction between water bodies, lakes and wetlands;
- (2) The Department of Forest is further required to clarify regarding declaration of bats zone and birds zone in and around MBB College as reflected in their portal;
- (3) The Department of pollution and the Department of Forest are to clarify whether floating platform for movements within the water-bodies and construction of concrete footpath around the lake and installation of high intensity electric lights can damage the ecological balance in and around the lake or adversely affects aquatic life and movements of migratory birds;
- (4) In the report of the Committee formed by the Forest Department it is seen that development activities in the vicinity caused some degree of ecological disturbance or imbalance. Thus, the Forest Department is to suggest necessary measures to be taken to prevent all these disturbances and how to maintain ecological balance as per the Environmental Act prevalent in India;
- (5) The Department of Forest and the Department of Pollution are to suggest whether due to construction around the water-bodies, there is chance of soil erosion or any kinds of land slide in future. The Forest Department is also to suggest whether the number of trees found or planted in the vicinity of the lake are sufficient or enough to protect any environmental hazard in future;

- (6) The CCF, Mr. K. Sasikumar has assured this Commission today that a team led by him will visit the restaurant, namely, Agartala Club, situated on the northern part of the lake to see whether it can cause damage to the environmental and ecological balance of the entire area as well as the purity of water;
- (7) The Pollution Control Board along with Department of Forest shall inspect the measures taken by the said restaurant for the purpose of waste management with the active assistance of the Urban Development Department, Govt. of Tripura;
- (8) All required departments mentioned above shall re-assess or explore the possibilities or impossibilities of arrival of migratory birds in the MBB College lake as it was in vogue till the last year;
- (9) All the required departments shall re-assess the various affects for installation of high voltage lights in and around or in the vicinity of either side of the MBB College lake;
- (10) The respondents are to suggest about the permissible voltage of lights, if at all necessary, in and around or in the vicinity of lake and the point of installations, if at all, lights are necessary after 5.00 pm;
- (11) The Department of Forest is to clarify whether MBB College lake falls under the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules 2017 since the plea of the complainant is that in the portal of the Forest Department it is shown that MBB College lake is a declared wetland along with other water bodies;
- (12) The Department of Forest is to mention the number of trees cut or fallen within the period of last 5(five) years.

The complainants shall remain present along with the Government team. The date of visit to the site by the Government Officials, as mentioned hereinabove, will be informed to the complaints at least three days prior to visit.

Today in course of hearing Sri Rupam Das, Deputy Secretary, Revenue Department, Govt of Tripura submits that he will furnish total report on the next date. Revenue Department is directed to furnish detailed report as regards the encroachment of MBB College lake by persons residing on the bank of the lake and various organizations/Clubs positively on the next date. For this purpose, it is further directed that the Revenue Department shall constitute a Committee of three members comprising of Surveyers, who are experts in survey works. *Inform all sides.*

Accordingly, list the matter after a month.

List it on 22/10/2025 for report of the concerned Departments.



(Justice Arindam Lodh)
Chairperson



(Udit Choudhuri)
Member