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Suo-Motu No. 4/2014

News Item : **Getting Polluted Water, BMC not taken action
News in Daily Maharashtra Times
dated 02.04.2014**

Name of the Respondent : **Commissioner,
BMC, Mumbai**

Date : **17th December, 2014**

Coram : **Bhagwant D. More, Member**

ORDER

Advocate Dipali Patil, Asst. Law Officer, for MCGM and Shri Amol D. Jadhav, Sub Engineer AEWV/ME, Govandi are present.

Commission has taken Suo-Motu action against BMC and call the report about the news flashed in Daily Maharashtra Times dated 02.04.2014 about getting polluted water, BMC not taken action.

Shri Amol Jadhav, Sub Engineer, Municipal Corporation of Govandi submitted the report as letter no. AEWV/ME/791 dated 15.12.2014. According to him as soon as the news appeared in the news paper Maharashtra Times dated 02.04.2014, the corporation maintenance staff swung into action and the necessary repairs were made immediately. Trial pit was taken by the corporation at some location and it was observed that the 4" dia water main feeding to the said area was perforated and passing below the sewer line which was leaking at some portion and sewer flow was entering in to the perforated 4" dia water resulting into the supply of contaminated water supply to the said area.

As per the proposal of no. AEWW/ME/010/Sr 4" dia water main is replaced. Now the replacement of 4" dia water main with 6" dia water main is started on 20.09.2014 and completed on 16.10.2014.

As per the BMC claim now people have no complaint and they are getting good potable water. However such negligence which caused hazard to the health of general public needs to be looked in to it.

Recommendations/Direction to be given to BMC -

Action to be taken against the defaulter who failed to keep proper visit and maintenance of the water supply to the common people. It should have been a phased and routine preventive check-up to avoid such instances. How BMC can wait for the complaint to come to their doorsteps? If there would have been a delay in publishing the news the damage would have been much more catastrophic. Hence BMC should take proper steps to curb the negligence shown by their officers and workers. A proper domestic enquiry should be caused at the fairly senior level to do the introspection and lapses so noticed to be rectified. If the enquiry so ordered reveals the lack of responsibility and commitment on the part of the concerned BMC staff, action should be taken against the persons who are responsible for such a state of affairs. With these recommendatory directions the case is ordered to be closed.

Compliance report should be sent within 4 weeks.

**(Bhagwant D. More)
Member, MSHRC**