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SUO MOTU CASE NO: 1472/13/37/2023

News item appeared in Hindi News Paper "SUNDAY NAVBHARAT TIMES"

On 26.03.2023, in respect of "वसई की सड़कों पर स्ट्रीट लाईट बंद, कई महीने से

छाया है सड़क पर अंधेरा"

Hon'ble Chairperson

Justice K. K. Tare (Retd.)

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लोगों को होती है परेशानी, महिलाओं को निकलने में लगता है डर

■ सुरेंद्र नेगी, वसई: मुंबई-अहमदाबाद हाइवे राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग को जोड़ने वाले नायगांव, वसई, नालासेपारा व विरार की मुख्य सड़कों के डिवाइडर पर लगाई गई स्ट्रीट लाइट पिछले

कई महीनों से बंद पड़ी है। इस वजह से यहां के स्लम



वसई

इलाकों में रहने वाले लोगों व राहगीरों को परेशानियों का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। लोगों ने इसकी शिकायतें की, बावजूद इसके प्रशासन सुनवाई नहीं कर रहा।

मुख्य मार्ग पर स्ट्रीट लाइट बंद रहने से अपराध के साथ-साथ जानवरों के आने से आए दिन हादसे होते रहते हैं। इन्हीं मार्गों के आसपास कंपनी में काम करने वाली महिलाओं को अंधेरे में पैदल आना-जाना पड़ता है। अंधेरे रास्ते के चलते महिलाओं से छेड़खानी की शिकायतें भी अकसर आती हैं। महिलाओं को रात के वक्त यहां से गुजरने में डर लगता है।



करोड़ों खर्च के बाद भी अंधेरा

स्ट्रीट लाइट के लिए गत वर्ष मनपा ने 46 करोड़ का बजट रखा था, जो इस वर्ष बढ़कर 52 करोड़ रुपये हो गया है। करोड़ों रुपये खर्च होने के बाद भी यहां की सड़कों पर अंधेरा पसरा रहता है। संबंधित विभाग के अधिकारी अमोल जाधव ने बताया कि पिछले दिनों धानिवबाग में

टेक्निकल प्रॉब्लम होने की वजह से स्ट्रीट लाइट बंद थी, जो अब शुरू हो चुकी है। वहीं पूर्व नगरसेवक पंकज पाटील ने बताया कि कई दिनों से सड़कों पर अंधेरा छाया हुआ है। इस बारे में मैंने पत्र भी दिया है। उनका कहना है कि डिवाइडर का लेबल जलने से लाइट बंद पड़ी है।



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KKT/Suo Moto Case No.– 1472/13/37/2023

Name of Respondent : 1 The Municipal Commissioner
Vasai Virar Municipal Corporation
Virar

2 The Commissioner of Police
Mira Bhayendar Vasai Virar
Commissionerate
Mira Road, Thane

3 The Collector
Palghar

Date : 27th March 2023

Coram : Justice K.K. Tated, Chairperson

PROCEEDING

Not on board. Taken on board.

1. We noticed news appeared in Hindi Newspaper Nav Bharat Times dated 26.03.2023 on Page 5 with title “वसई की सडकों पर स्ट्रीट लाइट बंद, कई महीने से छाया है सडक पर अंधेरा; लोगो को होती है परेशानी, महिलाओं को निकलने में लगता है डर”.

2. It is stated in the said news that at Vasai Road which connects to the Mumbai – Ahmedabad Highway from Naigaon, Vasai, Nallasopara and Virar have no street lights. Those lights are not working for several months. In spite of complaints, Corporation failed to take appropriate action.

3. Considering these facts the following order is passed:

a) Office is directed to issue summon to the Municipal Commissioner, Vasai Virar Municipal Corporation,

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Commissioner of Police, Mira Bhayendar Vasai Virar Commissionerate and Collector, Palghar calling upon them to file their affidavit in reply on the basis of the news appeared in Hindi News Paper Navbharat Times dated 26.03.2023 on or before 25.04.2023.

- b) Matter to appear on board before Division Bench of Justice K.K. Tated, Chairperson and Shri. M. A. Sayeed, Member in Court No.1 on 25th April 2023 at 11.00 a.m.


(Justice K. K. Tated)
Chairperson



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DIVISION BENCH

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Name of Respondent : Municipal Commissioner
Vasai Virar Municipal Corporation
Vasai

Commissioner of Police
Mira Bhayandar Vasai Virar
Police Commissionerate,
Mira Road

Collector,
Palghar

Date : 25th April 2023

Coram : Justice K.K. Tated, Chairperson
M.A.Sayeed, Member

ORDER

(Per: M. A. Sayeed, Hon'ble Member)

Sunday 'Navbharat Times' of 26.03.2023 reported about the street on Mumbai Ahmedabad Highway from Naigaon, Vasai, Nallasopara and Virar were without any street lights for months together and inspite of moving complaints to the civic authority it fell on deaf ears.

2. Considering the gravity of the news article suo motu cognizance came to be taken by the Commission u/s. 12 of the Act of 1993 and notices were issued to the civic authorities.

3. Accordingly, report on affidavit dated 21.04.2023 came to be submitted by Shri Tanaji Maruti Narale, Dy. Commissioner (Electrical) Vasai Virar Municipal Corporation, affirming in para 4 & 5 as under:

"4. I say that on 23/03/2023 Navbharat Times newspapers Editor Mr. Surendra Negi approached to the Electricity Department and make indulgence in respect of non working condition of street light, that time Junior Engineer Mr. Ashish Jadhav working at Ward Office (F) specifically explained to Mr. Negi that, street lights are well maintained and is in working condition but due to interruption in electricity supply by the Maharastra State Electricity Supply Company street lights are off. I further say that on the very same time the officials of the Electricity Department of Corporation was took photographs of the live street lights and forwarded to the Editor Mr. Negi on his whats app number. I further say that the said photos specifically shows that the street lights was on and in very well working condition. Find enclosed herewith the copy of Photographs which was sent to Editor Mr. Negi showing the street lights was on and in very well working condition as Exhibit A.

5. I say that Editor Mr. Negi had intentionally published the fake news in respect of street lights to defame the image of Municipal Corporation. I further say that Mr. Negi has published this news with mala fide intention to show his nuisance value to the Corporation.

4. It can be seen that even the Chief Editor Shri Negi was informed of the action taken by the civic authorities. Extract of the whatsapp messages shared with him are annexed with the report. Moreover it appears that Shri Negi before publishing the article failed to conduct a fact finding enquiry about the issue as the street lights were functional and infact it was only for two days that they were non

functional and the concerned civic authorities immediately rectified the error. Clarification made in para 6 & 7 are reproduced in verbatim as under:

"6. I say that the Vasai Virar City Municipal Corporation is providing street light facility to the entire area of the Corporation, Bapane Phata to Naigaon Station Road, Vasai Phata to Waliv Naka, Sativli Phata to Navghar Railway Over bridge Etc. I further say that Corporation has given work order for the installation of street light from Virar Phata to Virar East Railway over bridge.

7. I say that the Corporation has made available Complaint redressal System and on the official website of the Corporation the contact numbers of Electricity Engineers, Divisional Head, Wireman etc, are provided. I further say that Corporation has facility of online portal, Government C. R. M., Apale Sarkar Portal P. G. Portal Etc for Complaint Redressal of the public in large. I further say that the Corporation take very well efforts to resolve the complaints received on above said online portals. I further say that the news published by the Navbharat Times is absolutely false and baseless."

5. Collector, Palghar has also placed its report Ex. 'B' on record which is more or less in consonance with the report filed by the Corporation. Thus, with the issue having been resolved, we don't think any further intervention is warranted. Hence, present Suo Motu accordingly stands closed and disposed off with no order as to cost.

Ordered accordingly.


(M.A. Sayeed)
Member


(Justice K. K. Tated)
Chairperson