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UNION OF INDIA &amp; ORS.

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IN RE: MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
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IN RE: MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE

1. We have perused the note submitted by the learned Amicus Curiae on the issue of Solid Waste Management in the National Capital Region (NCR) States.

2. Firstly, we direct all the NCR States to file comprehensive affidavits dealing with compliance so far made by all Urban Local Bodies with the provisions of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 (for short, "the 2016 Rules"). This direction will apply only to all Urban

Local Bodies forming part of the NCR.

3. Another important issue flagged by the learned senior counsel appointed as Amicus Curiae is that the percentage of segregation waste is very low in Municipal Corporation of Delhi area, Gurugram and Faridabad. The State of Uttar Pradesh has not furnished any figures. As rightly submitted by the learned Amicus Curiae, the segregation of waste at source is of vital importance for the environment. If there is no proper segregation, even waste to energy projects will cause more pollution.

4. We, therefore, direct the NCR States, while filing the affidavits as aforesaid, to set out a comprehensive plan containing timelines and implementing agencies for waste management. Needless to add that the affidavits will state compliance with the 2016 Rules in relation to all Urban Local Bodies within the NCR States. We also direct them to set out the best practices that they propose to follow including those listed in the report of the Niti Aayog and "Waste-wise cities, Best Practices in the Solid Waste Management, 2021".

5. We may also add that the concerned Urban Local Bodies are also free to file affidavits in terms of the aforesaid directions.



6. We direct the Central Pollution Control Board to submit a report to this Court on the impact of waste to energy projects on the environment and public health.

7. The affidavit by the NCR States shall be filed by end of March, 2025. No further time shall be granted. The Central Pollution Control Board shall also file a report by end of March, 2025. The affidavits and the report will be considered on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2025 at 3.00 p.m.

**IN RE: TRANSPORT AND PAYMENT OF SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE**

8. All the States and other stake holders shall file affidavits on the issues relating to Transport and Payment of Subsistence Allowance to be dealt with on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 and advance copy thereof be furnished to the learned Amicus Curiae.

**IN RE: ORDER DATED 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2025**

9. In the second last line of paragraph 13 of this Court's order dated 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2025, the year "2025" shall be replaced by "2019".

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