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HOUSING SOCIETIES IN DWARKA

Contamination in rainwater harvesting systems: NGT asks Chief Secy to file ATR

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NEW DELHI: The NGT has directed Delhi chief secretary to file an action taken report regarding the execution of its earlier order pertaining to remediation measures for water contamination in rainwater harvesting systems of housing societies in Dwarka here.

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) was hearing an application seeking the execution of the tribunal's order of December 2021.

The tribunal had directed the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) to coordinate with the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) and take remedial action, including verification of facts, creating awareness and preventing extraction of groundwater.

It had also formed a joint committee comprising the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS) and Ministry of Urban Development to consider the situation on the same pattern throughout the country.

A bench comprising Chairperson Justice A K Goel noted that according to the execu-



Highlights

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- » The tribunal had directed the DPCC to coordinate with the DJB and take remedial action
- » It had also formed a joint committee comprising the CPCB, MoJS and Ministry of Urban Development to consider the situation on the same pattern throughout the country
- » The bench noted that according to the execution petition, out of a total of 400 societies in Dwarka, the inspection was conducted only in 150 societies and the installed systems across several societies were not functioning properly
- » The matter has been posted for further proceedings on

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*Let chief secretary, Delhi, after interacting with the concerned, file an action taken report in the matter within one month," the bench also comprising Judicial Member Justice Sudhir Agarwal and Expert Member A Senthil Vel said.

"The report may mention whether the housing societies and other institutions have installed well-designed rainwater harvesting systems with due precautions so as not to contaminate sub-soil or groundwater and whether steps have been taken to provide empanelled executors (if any) of rainwater harvesting systems as per the approved guidelines," the bench added.

It also directed the report to mention the measures taken to create awareness in societies and institutions, including welfare associations and occupiers of large buildings.

"We also direct the Secretary, MoJS to file an action taken report in response to the direction of this tribunal dated December 10, 2021 within one month, after coordinating with all state and union territories," the tribunal said.

The matter has been posted for further proceedings on April 4. Dainik Jagran- 11- February-2023

चिंताजनक स्थिति

वर्षा जल संचयन संयंत्रों का ठीक तरह से काम न करना और उनके कारण भू-जल दूषित होना अत्यंत चिंताजनक है। मामला तब और भी गंभीर हो जाता है, जब यह सामने आता है कि इन संयंत्रों की जांच को लेकर जिम्मेदार एजेंसियों द्वारा लापरवाही बरती जा रही है। नेशनल ग्रीन ट्रिब्यूनल (एनजीटी) ने शुक्रवार को इन विषयों को लेकर गंभीर चिंता जताई। उसने राजधानी के द्वारका इलाके की सोसायटियों में वर्षा

जल संचयन संयंत्रों की जांच में लापरवाही पर गंभीर सवाल खड़े किए और मुख्य सचिव को निर्देश दिया कि वह सभी पक्षों से बात कर एक माह में कार्रवाई रिपोर्ट पेश करें।

यह सामने आया है कि संयंत्र स्थापित करने के लिए पाइपों को भू-जल स्तर में गहराई तक ले जाया गया है, जिसके कारण भू-जल दूषित हो रहा है। संयंत्र स्थापित करने के मापदंडों के अनुसार, इन पाइपों की गहराई जल स्तर से तीन से पांच मीटर ऊपर रखी जानी चाहिए। यही नहीं, सोसायटियों में विभिन्न स्रोतों से भू-जल का स्तर बढ़ाने वाले संयंत्रों से इसका दूषित होना गंभीर है, इन परिस्थितियों में जल्द सुधार की जरुरत है

आने वाले दूषित पानी के वर्षा जल संचयन संयंत्रों में जाने से भी पानी दूषित हो रहा है। इन परिस्थितियों में सुधार की आवश्यकता है। यह समझा जाना चाहिए कि इन संयंत्रों को लगाने का उद्देश्य वर्षा जल संचयन कर भू-जल स्तर ऊपर उठाना है। यदि संयंत्रों के काम न करने के कारण ये उद्देश्य पूरा नहीं होगा, तो उन्हें लगाने का लाभ भी नहीं है। ऐसे में सभी सोसायिटयों को सुनिश्चित करना चाहिए कि उनके संयंत्र पूरी तरह काम कर रहे हों।