

Press Release

B.PAC submits over 250 photographs(in addition to 750 submitted earlier) today to Lokayukta as evidence of continuing noncompliance of Lokayukta Order (1264/2015) and indiscriminate dumping of construction debris and garbage at the BMRCL Construction sites across Bengaluru City and seeks immediate intervention.

Bangalore, June 3rd 2015

A nine member B.PAC team consisting of CEO, Revathy Ashok, Anil Shetty, Harish N, Ravikumar S, Anand Teertha and others visited Lokayukta Office today for the second hearing on their complaint regarding debris and garbage dumped all along Namma Metro construction sites across Bengaluru City. Namma Metro construction sites have been maintained very poorly and bad state of construction site management has led to huge traffic snarls, but also becoming a huge health hazard with mosquitoes, flies, cows and dogs feeding on the garbage all along metro construction sites.

B.PAC team had lodged the complaint to the Upa Lokayukta on 24 March 2015, with nearly 700 photographs of waste and debris as evidence. Upa Lokayukta, Mr. Subhash B.Adi sent notices to BBMP and BMRCL to appear before him in person on 18 May 2015. During the first hearing, BMRCL disclaimed all responsibility for the garbage and debris all along the Namma Metro lines and metro stations stating that this was due to dumping by public and that BBMP was responsible for clearance.

Following the hearing, Upa Lokayukta issued an order to the BBMP to clear all the debris along the Namma Metro line and submit a compliance report and be present for a hearing on 3rd June 2015. While B.PAC members were present in full strength, BBMP and BMRCL officials did not attend the hearing with the Upa Lokayukta.

In response to the earlier BMRCL submission, BBMP responded with an affidavit attaching 79 photographs of debris and garbage across the Namma Metro lines and stations and disclaimed all responsibility for clearance of garbage and debris and stated that BMRCL should take ownership of the same.

The Upa Lokayukta, Mr. Subhash B Adi took a stern view of the blame game between the BBMP and BMRCL and has sent notices to both agencies to stop the ping-pong, coordinate and take collective responsibility to clean the mess in the interest of citizens' health, safety and quality of life. It is indeed a sad reflection on the quality of governance when the two concerned agencies have in their respective submissions have acknowledged the existence of huge quantities of

garbage and debris, causing great inconvenience to citizens and yet they cannot come to an agreement that the debris and garbage should be cleared and who should be responsible for the same. In the ongoing blame game, citizens continue to bear the brunt of executive apathy and inaction.

Both agencies have been given 15 days time to respond with compliance/action taken, else Commissioner, BBMP and Managing Director, BMRCL will be directly held responsible for consequence of non-compliance.

The next hearing of the case is on 18 June 2015 at 11.30am.

Copies of submissions made by BMRCL and latest Lokayukta order of 3rd June are attached.

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