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#Naagarika - Citizens' Watch Committee

July 1, 2017

Police Inspector

Hulimavu,
Bengaluru,
Karnataka 560097

Subject: Complaint relating to illegal Dumping of Debris, Untreated Sewage and Domestic Waste into Hulimavu Kere.

Naagarika-Citizens' Watch Committee and residents are addressing this Complaint to you, for registering the same and take action against all persons responsible for illegally dumping garbage, debris and sewage into the Hulimavu Kere, which comes under your jurisdiction. We also request you to register this complaint and initiate action against government officials, whose negligence and apathy to state the least and collusion and connivance, more appropriately, has resulted in wide spread danger to the water bodies and lives of people surrounding the water bodies.

Earlier this day, members of the Naagarika-Citizens' Watch Committee inspected Hulimavu Kere. To the shock and dismay of the committee members, it was found that the lake has been brazenly subjected to dumping of debris, pooja waste, animal waste and inflow of untreated sewage. The quantity of the waste dumped in this lake is alarmingly high, posing a risk to overall public health. It is apparent from the quantity of waste in the lake that miscreants routinely dump waste in this lake either directly or through sewers and storm water drains.

Large number of families comprising of children and elderly people live near this lake, increasing the risk of several infections. The upsetting levels of pollution has plummeted the quality of water, making it unfit for consumption. The quality of air around the lake too has taken a bad hit. Lives of all these families are in peril.


SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE
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The Committee on inspection has documented the following specific issues in the lake:

Hulimavu Kere - in Arakere Ward, Bengaluru South Taluk, encompasses an area of 124 acres and 25 guntas. The Koliwad Committee Report has mentioned an encroachment of 18 acres and 30.75 guntas, increasing our concerns. The local community has also claimed encroachment by apartment builder in the vicinity. The lake is suffering at the hands of untreated sewage flowing from several septic tanks in the area. The issue of rampant dumping of debris and waste has also ruined the state of its water.

This persistent dumping of waste in and around the lake has caused danger and annoyance to the public at large and people living in the vicinity. Public health too – owing to the shocking levels of pollution in the water and the air – has been carelessly put to risk. Not just those living in the lake vicinity, but also those residing in nearby areas are staring at the risk of air pollution spreading irrepressibly.

Hence, the persons who are involved in the illegal activity of dumping garbage, debris and sewage into the Hulimavu Kere have, apart from violating multiple environmental laws, committed offences punishable under Sections 120-B, 268, 269, 270, 278 and 290 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 14 r/w 25 of the Karnataka Lake Conservation and Development Activities Act, 2014.

The public officials entrusted with the duty to protect the lake and prevent such illegal activities have turned a blind eye to the same. The dumping of waste at the lake cannot miss the naked eye of any individual. However, no action till date has been taken against any person for such illegal activities. In addition to failure to prosecute the culprits, the public officials have also failed to clean the water body by removing the dumped waste. This wilful and negligent act on part of the public officials adds more injury to the common public.

This shows that the public officials are hand in glove with the other miscreants. Therefore, public officials and government servants have also committed offences under Indian Penal Code and Karnataka




Lake Conservation and Development Activities Act, 2014 and we request you to initiate action against such errant officials in order to ensure that there is accountability and that there is no further laxity on part of the officials in strictly enforcing and implementing laws.

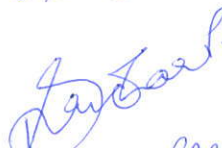
We, therefore, request you to initiate immediate action with the alacrity that the situation demands to bring the guilty to the book. We would like to extend all possible support and cooperate with the investigation.



Yours faithfully,
United Bengaluru

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Briefing note of Koramangala-Challaghatta Valley Lake Series


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To,

Date:
May 27th, 2017

Police Subinspector
Hennur Police Station
Bangalore - 43

Subject :- Illicit dumping around Horamavu
Agara lake periphery.

Respected sir,

We would like to file a complaint by
against "illicit dumping around Horamavu Agara lake"
by unknown/various people. This is in violation of
various Highcourt & Supreme Court orders. This is
causing continuous public & environmental hazards.

In interest of safe guiding public ^{health} and environment
We urge to act immediately.

Thanking You

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Rd/r
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PI
Police Inspector & SHO
Hennur Police Station,
BANGALORE CITY

Yours Sincerely
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