



#Naagarika - Citizens' Watch Committee

June 17, 2017

Station House Officer
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Subject: Complaint relating to illegal Dumping of Debris, Untreated Sewage and Domestic Waste into Gubbalala, Talaghattapura and Sompura Lakes.

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 Gubbalala, Talaghattapura and Sompura lakes- all of which come under the limits of Talaghattapura Police Station limits. 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 three lakes, namely Gubbalala, Talaghattapura and Sompura lakes. To the shock and dismay of the committee members, it was found that the lakes were filled with huge amount of garbage, debris and sewage remains. The quantity of the waste dumped in these lakes is alarmingly high that it would, in all likelihood, spread disease and infections to people in and around the vicinity of these lakes. It is apparent from the quantity of the waste in the lake that the miscreants routinely dump the waste in these lakes directly and through sewers and storm water drains.

Large number of families with children and aged people live in the vicinity of these lakes and it is aged people and children who are extremely prone to infections. The garbage, debris and sewage are also dumped into the lakes thereby polluting them and making the water unfit for consumption purposes. The dumping of waste has also polluted the air in the vicinity. Lives of all these families are in peril.



The Committee on inspection has documented the following specific issues in the lakes:

1. Gubbalala Lake: The lake has been subject to dumping of debris, garbage, and inflow of untreated sewage, which flows under the BWSSB water supply line and is diverted into the Rajakaluve before entering the lake. The lake is inaccessible to public.
2. Talaghattapura Lake: The lake has been subject to continuous dumping of debris, garbage and inflow of sewage.
3. Sompura Lake: The issues of the lake include flow of untreated sewage, run of from the Lingadheeranahalli composting plant and rampant dumping of garbage in the lake.

By dumping the waste in and around the lake area injury, danger and annoyance has been caused to the public in general and people living in the vicinity. Dumping of the waste is likely to spread infectious diseases that will be fatal to the people living in the vicinity. These wastes have also made the air quality in the surrounding region highly noxious and thereby causing harm to the health of the people living and commuting through the vicinity. Polluted air will spread the harm exponentially faster and longer. Therefore, the air pollution will spread to a larger area soon.

Hence, the persons who are involved in the illegal activity of dumping garbage, debris and sewage into the Gubbalala, Talaghattapura and Sompura lakes 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 lakes and prevent such illegal activities have turned a blind eye to the same. The dumping of waste at the lakes cannot miss the naked eye of any person. 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 the 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 to also ensure that there is no further laxity on the part of the officials in strictly enforcing and implementing laws.

We have noticed that all three lakes have similar problems that is causing public nuisance to the residents of the areas. These perpetuating issues are alarming and pose a threat not only to Bengaluru's water bodies but also threaten the existence of the city. Hence, we look forward to your immediate action.

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,



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Yours faithfully,

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1. Briefing Note for Vrishbhavathi Series Lake Inspection (Gubbalala, Talaghattapura, Sompura)

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