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विषय: समाचार कतरन, ई. टीवी, मध्य प्रदेश में दिनांक 26.06.2021 में प्रकाशित समाचार "प्रदूषण की चपेट में अजनार नदी: घातक रसायन से खतरे में 50 गाँव, प्रशासन ने फेरी निगाहें" के सम्बन्ध में.

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कृपया उपरोक्त विषय पर दिनांक 02.12.2022 को पूर्वाह्न 10:30 बजे आयोग में हुई बैठक का सन्दर्भ ग्रहण करें। उक्त बैठक का कार्यवृत्त एवं उक्त क्षेत्र में दिनांक 12.11.2022 में किए गए स्थलीय निरीक्षण कर तैयार की गई रिपोर्ट की प्रति इस पत्र के साथ संलग्न कर प्रेषित की जा रहा है। आपसे अनुरोध है की बैठक में लिया गए निर्णयों एवं आयोग द्वारा दिए गए सुझावों पर कार्यवाही करते हुए कार्यवाही रिपोर्ट इस आयोग को 15 दिन के भीतर उपलब्ध कराने की कृपा करें.

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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

No. NCST/DEV-794/MP/34/2022-ESDW

Minutes of the Sitting held under the Chairmanship of Shri Ananta Nayak, Hon'ble Member, NCST, in the case of Suo-moto Cognizance taken by NCST on the article published by E-TV news portal dated 26/06/2021 titled - "50 Tribal villages of Manpur area and Ajnar river affected due to deadly Chemical"

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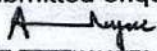
Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure

This case pertains to Suo-moto Cognizance taken by NCST on the article published by E-TV news portal dated 26/06/2021 titled - "50 Tribal villages of Manpur area and Ajnar river affected due to deadly Chemical" -The livelihood of close to 50 Tribal villages in the Manpur, Madhya Pradesh is getting affected, the water in Manpur is extremely dangerous. The water is neither potable nor is useable for carrying on farming. Even the cattle in the villages are dying because of the widespread contamination caused by these chemicals. The arbitrary, negligent and reckless actions of the businessman has resulted in the contamination of all the water bodies, including the entire Ajnar River and the region's ecosystem is in danger. Apart from this, Ajnar river's contaminated water will directly join the Narmada River. This has now become a major hurdle to villager's day to day life. Therefore, the villagers of Manpur along with other social workers, reached the Indore Divisional Commissioner's office and demanded a quick action. However, despite several requests neither the administration nor the public representatives are paying any attention to the problem of the villagers.

The Commission issued notice to the Chief Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Member Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control board, District Collector, Indore District, District Collector, Dhar District on 03.10.2022 and sought a reply within 07 days of the receipt of the notice.

Pursuant to the notice A.A Mishra, Member Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board and Shri Manish Singh, District Collector, Indore District via letter dated 27/10/2022 has submitted enquiry report stating:

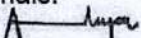
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- a) Member Secretary submitted the investigation report done by the officials of Indore Pollution Control Board that on 09.06.2021 complaint was received to the office, on this complainant sudden investigation was done through visiting the dumped area. The unrecycled chemical was dumped on the private land khashra no.21 of Poothalab Village, Kalikeriy Gram Panchyat. the dumped area is adjacent to the Ajnar river, surrounding tube wells were polluted, no specific complainant has received on the death of the domestic animals,
- b) The report was sent to Mhow Police Station to file Complainant against the owner, on receiving this report the Mhow Police station has registered FIR against the illegally dumped chemicals by private individuals under IPC and Environment act. In the dump area, on 26.06.2021 through TSDP messers waste management, the major part of the polluted soil was disposed off,
- c) Presently the Condition is better, surrounding tube wells were checked and found that all the tube wells are now suitable for drinking, only 500-meter area is slightly brown other part of the river is in good condition from all the safety parameters, all the industries manage the waste with appropriate way, Pollution Control Board Monitors the Ajnar river every month, no disturbance in the ecological system, everything is normal condition presently.

Shri Manish Singh, District Collector, Indore District via letter dated 27/10/2022 has submitted enquiry report stating:

- a. FIR has been filed against the culprits on 09/06/2021 under IPC and SC & ST atrocity act, Villagers were provided drinking water facilities through tankers also 2 bore wells have been given to the affected village. In the dump area, on 26.06.2021 through TSDP messers waste management, the major part of the polluted soil was disposed off.
- b. On the death of the Domestic animals due this incident, the case was registered against the culprit under Madhya Pradesh Cow-slaughter act., presently the case is under trial in the court. Presently the water color of the river is still red, the district administration is monitoring the situation and providing the necessary assistance to the villagers by providing water continuously. In kalikeria and Foothalab Village presently the situation is normal, they are ploughing normally and also no issue in feeding water to domestic animals.


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In this matter, as per direction of Hon'ble Member, Summons was issued to Member Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control board, District Collector, Indore District, District Collector, Dhar District on 18.11.2022 to appear before the commission on 02.12.2022

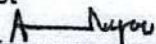
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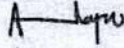
The Commission has pointed that through the commission field visit dated 12.10.2022 it is found that the ground level situation is extremely severe and that the surrounding ecological system is being affected. Even after the passing of 1.5 years of this incident, the District administration and State Government have deliberately failed to analyse the situation, compensate the affected families, take appropriate action against the people responsible or to bring permanent solution.

After the discussion, the Commission recommends the following:

1. Member Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control shall submit the quality analysis report every month.
2. The Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board and all the concerned District Collectors shall make discreet enquiry of the whole incident by constituting State Level Committee.
3. The Pollution Control Board shall figure out the permanent solution to the chemical expose to river at the earliest


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4. The District Collector shall send the team to investigate the loss of yield of Farmers, and the calculation of compensation to be given to the farmers till date.
5. The District Collector shall send medical team headed by CDMO to assess the situation and provide the necessary medical treatment to the villagers.
6. The District Collector shall send the district veterinary team to investigate the loss of domestic animals, cattle and aquatic life, the diseases suffered by domestic violence and the calculate the compensation to be given to the respective owners.
7. The District Collector shall coordinate with Superintendent of Police, Indore to enquire on the inaction by the police against the people responsible and also ensure that appropriate legal action taken against them at the earliest and send detailed compliance report on the whole incident



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FIELD VISIT REPORT

ON

50 TRIBAL VILLAGES OF MANPUR AREA

AND

AJNAR RIVER AFFECTED DUE TO DEADLY CHEMICAL

(NCST/DEV-794/MP/38/2022-ESDW)

The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST), a Constitutional body established under Article 338A of the Constitution of India, constituted a 2-Member Investigation Team to probe into the facts by conducting an on-site investigation relating to Suo-moto Cognizance taken by NCST on the article published by E-TV news portal dated 26/06/2021 titled- "50 Tribal villages of Manpur area and Ajnar river affected due to deadly Chemical"

Summary of the Article:

The livelihood of close to 50 Tribal villages in the Manpur, Madhya Pradesh his getting affected due to chemical waste emanating from different industries located in Pithampur, Madhya Pradesh, Pithampur is a major center for industrial activities in Madhya Pradesh.

In fact, the main reason behind this catastrophe is a businessman, he had rented his place in Pithampur to a few chemical industries. These industries have dumped toxic untreated and non-recycled chemical waste into the fields. All of these toxic untreated and non-recycled chemical waste has seeped through the soil and have reached the ground water. Apart from this, during the monsoon season, these chemical have along with the rainwater have flown into the Ajnar River and all other water bodies and has contaminated all water resources in Manpur. Not only have these chemicals contaminated the water resources, but they have also turned the colour of water black. Presently, the water in Manpur is extremely dangerous since. The water is neither potable nor is useable for carrying on farming. Even the cattle in the villages are dying because of the wide spread contamination caused by these chemicals. The arbitrary, negligent and reckless actions of the businessman have resulted in the contamination of all the water bodies, including the entire Ajnar River and the region's ecosystem is in danger. Apart from this, Ajnar River's contaminated water will directly join the Narmada River. This has now become a major hurdle to villager's day to day life. Therefore, the villagers of Manpur along with other social workers, reached the Indore Divisional Commissioner's office and demanded a quick action. However, despite

several requests neither the administration nor the public representatives are paying any attention to the problem of the villagers.

In this case, the Commission sent the notice on 03/10/2022 to:

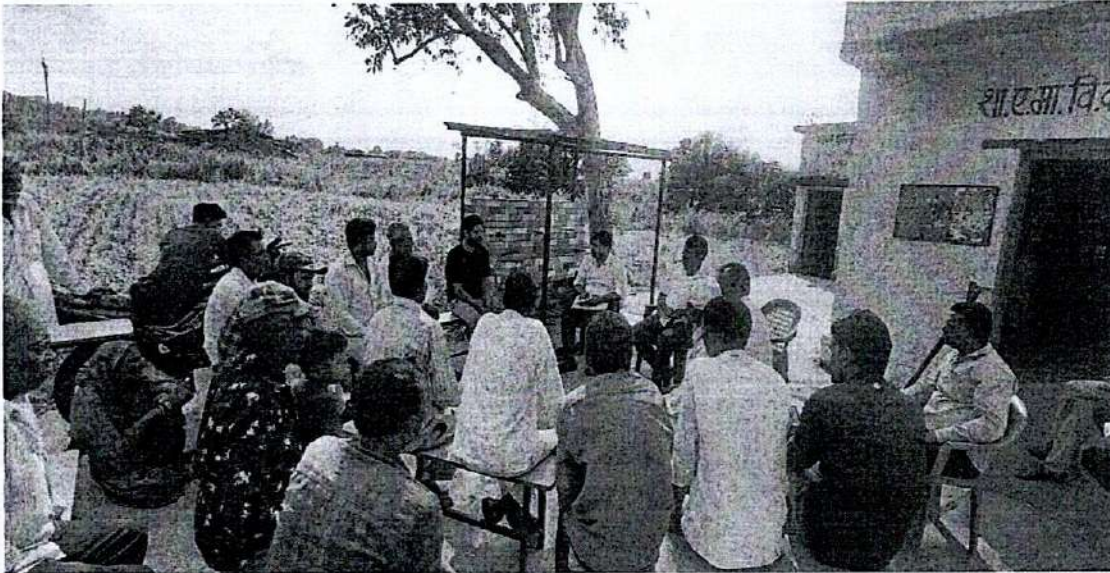
1. Chief Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh
2. Member Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control board
3. District Collector, Indore District
4. District Collector, Dhar District

To submit action taken report within 07 days, NCST Investigation Team on 12.10.2022, consisting of Shri Govardhan Munde, Senior Investigator, and Shri Avinash, Legal Consultant visited Ajnar river, Kalkeriya & nearby villages of Manpur Tappa, Mhow Tehsil, Indore District, Madhya Pradesh to conduct investigation.

The detailed report of the investigation held at several affected spots is mentioned below:

Details of the Meeting held in Majra Village:

On 12.11.2022, the NCST Investigation Team convened a meeting at the, Majra Mali Village, Mhow Tehsil, Indore District, Madhya Pradesh. In this Meeting, various affected families of 7 Villages namely Kalkeriya, KalkeriyaMajra, Phelepar, Majra Limkodra, Majra Mali, and Gadgat had gathered near Majra Mali Anganwadi and attended the meeting to give their testimonies with respect to this case.



Shree Govardhan Munde, Senior Investigator had began the Meeting by explaining the Constitutional Powers of the NCST and the purpose of visit and asked the villagers to share the entire incident and damages caused to villagers.

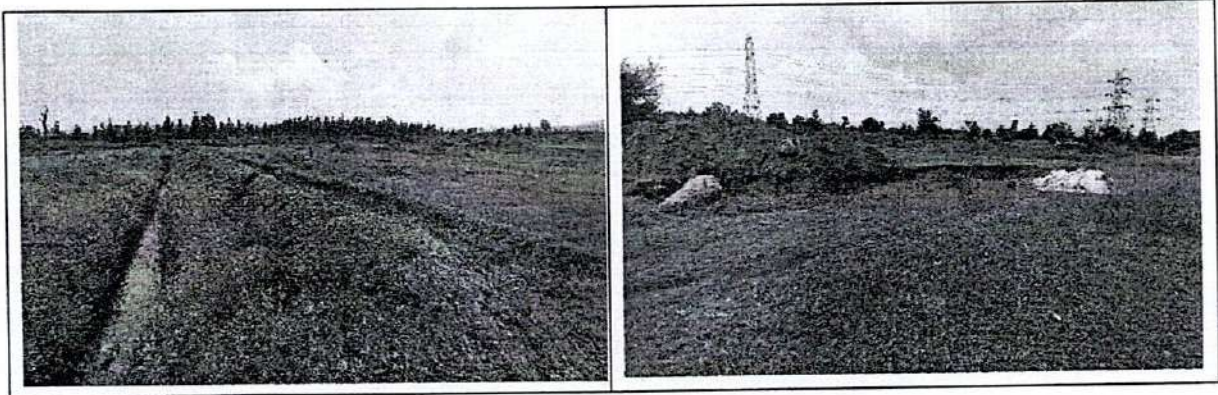
The testimonies of the villagers are mentioned below:

1. Shri. Shantilal Waskel from Majra Mali village submitted that they reside near the Ajnar river and are extremely dependent on river's water for their livelihood, household, cultivation, and feeding domestic cattle. It was in June 2021, during the beginning of Monsoon season that they noticed the sudden change in water color of Ajnar river. At that time, they did not give much attention. However, 15 days later, the entire river not only had turned black, but also started to smell foul and the smell from the river started spreading in the village. The villagers also started suffering from rashes and itching as they used the river water for bathing. Apart from this, slowly the cattle such as cows, buffaloes, sheep raised by the villagers, started dropping dead. Even the aquatic life was also deeply affected since the villagers noticed that the fish were also dying and their dead bodies started floating on the river water. Soon, similar incidents started occurring in all the surrounding villages causing chaos in the entire nearby village.
2. Shri. Sakram Makvana submitted that along with his cattle, many other cattle of the village also died and that life in the village was becoming very difficult. They had lost all sources of food and livelihood and had started migrating to nearby cities for survival. The entire population of the village and neighboring villages are being affected by the contamination caused by this toxic chemical waste, but the administration has not taken any initiative in resolving the issue till date.
3. Shri. Sitram Ravi submitted that the main cause for the catastrophic tragedy at his village and the neighbouring villages was the contamination caused by the toxic chemical waste dumped directly in the lands adjacent to the river from the industries of Pithampur.
4. Shri. Shiv Das submitted that since he is a senior citizen, the challenges and losses caused by the contamination caused is much higher because he has no means to survive and that he suffered severe health issues. He suffered severe rashes on his body and there are huge patches in his arms and legs caused by the toxic chemicals in the water.
5. Shri. Shantilal Waskel submitted that since the toxic chemicals in the water bodies were severely affecting the livelihood and day to day activities, the villagers from the village and from all the surrounding villages gathered together and held a meeting in June 2021. In the meeting, they decided to seek help from the Mhow Tehsil Administration. They gathered together and reached the SDM, Mhow Tehsil administration and sought the assistance of the authorities. To this, the authorities had promised that they will visit the spot and take all the necessary action against all the people involved in causing the spread of the toxic chemical waste. Apart from this, they also promised to help the affected villages.
6. The SDM, Mhow Tehsil had visited the spot with his team. The villagers showed the SDM the affected Ajnar river also explained the difficulties they are facing on a day to day basis. The SDM observed the conditions and directed the Mantri of Kalikerai Gram Panchayat to arrange for drinking water for the

all the villagers at the earliest and to discard the toxic chemical waste dumped into the soil. The SDM also promised the villagers that a proper investigation would be conducted to find the cause of this incident. On the SDM's direction, the Mantri of Kalikeriya Gram Panchayat arranged for drinking water to all the villagers for 2-3 months.

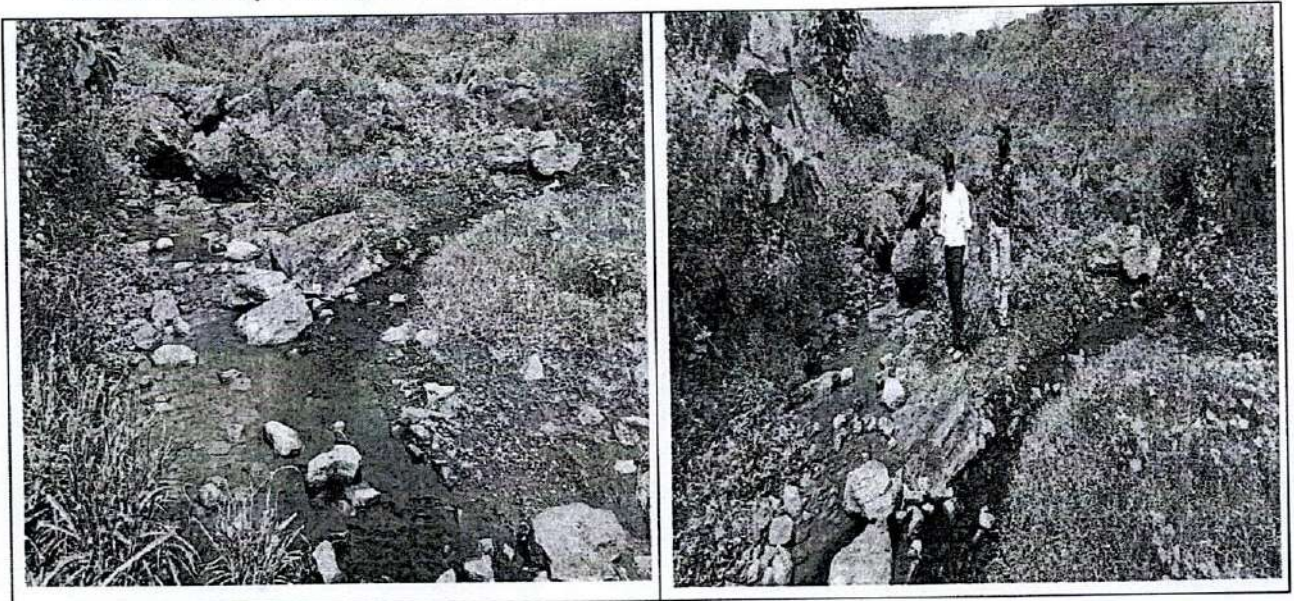
7. After the SDM's visit the District Collector, Indore District had visited the and held meeting with the Villagers and promised that the problem will be resolved at the earliest. The District Collector also assured that bore wells will be installed across the village for drinking purpose. The District Collector also directed the villagers to not use the river water for drinking purpose or to feed the cattle. The administration later installed bore wells as promised and for few months the water from the bore well was used for drinking & household purpose. However, after some time, even the water from the bore wells started becoming unhealthy as it turned black since this water also started getting contaminated and polluted. The water from the bore wells was not even good enough to feed the cattle. Apart from installation of bore wells, till date administration have not provided any assistance to them.
8. Villagers submitted that they had repeatedly approached the district administration for assistance but they did not respond to their requests. Left with no other option, they approached the Manpur Police Station collectively and demanded for quick action against the people responsible and also to compensate the losses suffered by the villagers. The villagers held a strike before the Manpur Police Station. It was only after the villagers held a strike that the Superintendent of Police assured the villagers that the people responsible will be arrested and that further necessary action will be taken against them. The paper publication of the strike held by the villagers is attached in this Report and is marked as Annexure 1.
9. The Superintendent of Police, on the demand of the villagers arrested the culprits, registered the FIR against them and also suspended the Forest Ranger. Further, the Superintendent of Police promised that investigation will be conducted against them. However, just 3-4 days later, an advocate approached the villagers and asked them to take back the complaint and in return he assured them that they will be compensated to all their losses. On the assurance given by the advocate, the villagers signed on paper that was given to them. However, to the utter shock of the villagers, all the accused were released, but no compensation was given to any of the villagers.
10. People present in the meeting submitted that their life had become miserable as had no other source for livelihood in their village anymore. Many of them have migrated to nearby cities for survival and are working in jobs that pay very meagerly. In addition to that, the villagers living in the village are do not have proper drinking water, they are not able to have good yields from the crops sown, all their cattle are slowly dying and the administration has shown the least concern towards this issue. Despite requesting them several times to take necessary action, they have not taken any initiative in resolving the issue.

Investigation team made a visit to Chemical dumped area along with few villagers, the details of the visit are mentioned below:



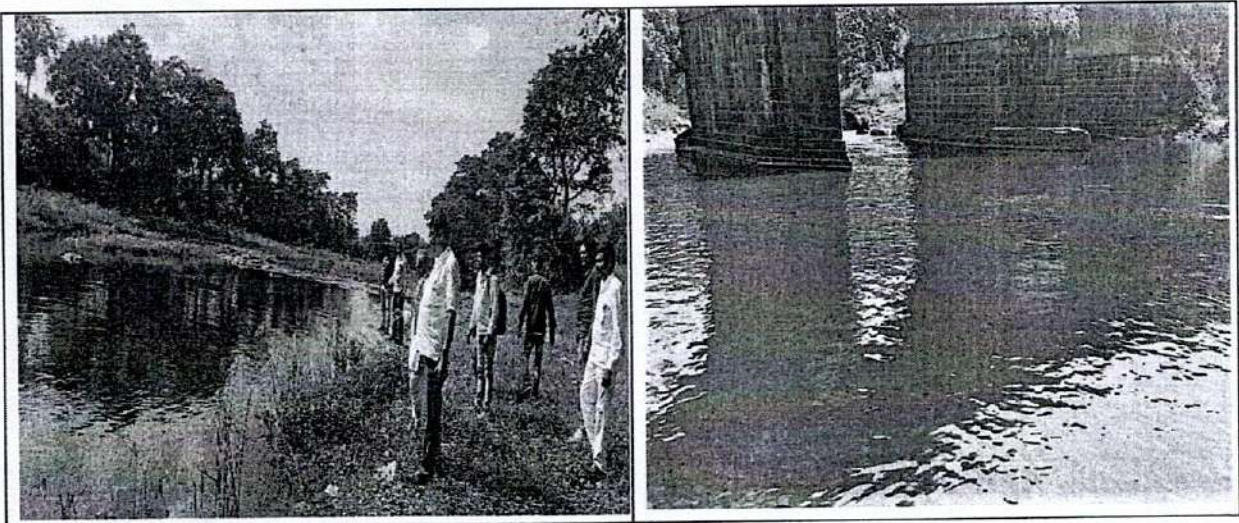
The Villagers had taken investigation team to Puthlab village, where the toxic chemical waste was dumped area. The villagers submitted that that, the dumped area is large area covering approximately around 4-5 acres and is situated adjacent to the Ajnar river. The whole area was completely dug out and was dumped toxic chemical. After dumping the chemicals, the entire area was left open. Only after the villagers complained, most of the chemical was disposed of using JCB by the SDM. However, the investigating team could see many patches of the land left open without proper cleaning.

The dumped area is adjacent to the Ajnar River. The toxic chemical waste has penetrated deep into the soil and with streams near the area. These soil and streams contaminated by the chemicals flow and join the Ajnar river directly. Even after 1.5 years of the incident, the toxic chemical waste from the dumped area continues to join the Ajnar river. These incidents are shown in below picture



The investigation team visited the spot, saw where chemical merges with other streams and joins directly to the river area. The above picture clearly shows the area where the chemical and streams merge. The spot is adjacent to Ajnar River which in turn flows into Narmada River which in turn is affecting many villages in Indore and Dhar district, Madhya Pradesh. These toxic chemical wastes are extremely dangerous and is affecting the overall ecological system. However, till date the government has not taken any preventive steps to resolve the serious issue.

Further Villagers took the Investigation team to the spot where there cattles are feeded:



The Villagers showed the condition of the river, they said that all the cattle drink water and that the same water is used for the household purpose. The cattle and aquatic animals in the village have died. The color of the water is better now because of the recent heavy rains, but the villagers fear that after few months, from January, 2023 onwards, this water will again turn black and all the bore wells will neither be useable for household purposes nor to cultivate their land.

Observations and recommendations of the Investigation team:

On the Submissions of the testimonies and visiting the affected area, the investigation team observed that the ground level situation is extremely severe and that the surrounding ecological system is being affected. Even after the passing of 1.5 years of this incident, the District administration and State Government have deliberately failed to analyse the situation, compensate the affected families, take appropriate action against the people responsible or to bring permanent solution.

Recommendations of the Investigation team:

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Media Reports Annexed with the report.


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दूषित अजनार नदी का पानी पीने से हो रही पशुओं की मौत

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मानपुर अजनार नदी में भारी मात्रा में बैक्टीरियाल छोड़ने से नदी का पानी दूषित हुआ है। इसे पीने से पालतु पशुओं की रोजाना मौतें हो रही हैं। शुक्रवार को पटवारी अनीता चौहान ने ग्राम मली में पहुंचकर मृत गाय की पंचनामा बनाया। चौहान ने बताया कि ग्रामीणों द्वारा अपने पशुओं की



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इसके कारण ग्रामीणों को मुआवजा नहीं मिल पाएगा। साथ ही पटवारी चौहान ने ग्रामीणों को समझाया कि वह इस जहरीले पानी से दूर रहें और इसका उपयोग ना करें और पालतु पशुओं की मौत होने पर मानपुर थाने पर इसकी सूचना दें। ग्राम पंचायत सचिव सुखराम भाभर ने बताया, पंचायत द्वारा लोगों के पीने के पानी के लिए व्यवस्था की जा रही है,

जिसके लिए गांवों में पत्तों की टकियां लगाई जाएंगी, जिससे लोगों को पीने के पानी के लिए दूर नहीं जाना पड़ेगा। साथ ही ग्रामीणों को नदी के पानी से दूर रहने की समझाइश भी दी जा रही है। ग्रामीणों का कहना है कि जहरीला पानी पीने से जंगली जानवरों की भी मौतें हो रही हैं और नयी किलारे के पेड़ भी सूखने लगे हैं।

रैली निकालकर थाने का घेराव, मेधा भी आंदोलन में शामिल

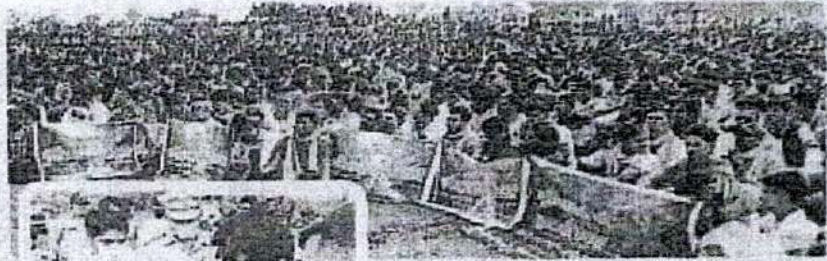
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सुबह 11 बजे से झांझा, धार, कुशी, मनाबर, रतलाम आदि क्षेत्रों में समाजजन जुटने लगे। आंदोलन से दोपहर में धरनपुरी विधायक पांचीलाल मेडा और नर्मदा बचाओ आंदोलन की नेत्री मेधा पाटकर जुड़ीं। पाटकर ने कहा- अजनार नदी के पानी की मुंबई में जांच कराई है। रिपोर्ट के अनुसार पानी पीने योग्य नहीं बचा। राठौर परिवार केथल पैसा कमाने आदिवासियों के जीवन पर आघात कर रहा है।

मंत्री तथा डाक्टर के बयान पर कहा, मंत्री महोदय आदिवासियों से पूछते हैं कि आप यहाँ क्यों बसे हैं तो यह फल से पूछेंगे कि आप क्यों जो रहे हैं। विधायक मेडा ने कहा, मंत्री डाक्टर बयान दे रही हैं, सरपंच के दबाव में से हुआ। जबकि यह इराब के मामले में लंबे समय से फरार है। शासन, प्रशासन दोषियों को बचाने का काम कर रहा है। जयपुर संगठन के महेंद्र सिंह कालीज ने भी दोषियों



आंदोलन से धरनपुरी विधायक पांचीलाल मेडा व नेत्री मेधा पाटकर जुड़ीं। पाटकर ने कहा- अजनार नदी के पानी की मुंबई में जांच कराई है। रिपोर्ट के अनुसार पानी पीने योग्य नहीं बचा।



पर कठोर कार्रवाई और नदी का प्रदूषण दूर बनने की मांग की। प्रदर्शन के बाद आदिवासी और अनेक कार्यकर्ताओं ने नेशनल हाईवे पर पैदल मार्च निकालते। इससे जाम की स्थिति बनी।