

WRIT PETITION NO.23041 OF 2003

ORAL ORDER:

(per Hon'ble Sri Devinder Gupta, The Chief Justice)

Grievance of the petitioner in this petition filed as PIL is that action is not being taken by respondent Nos.1 to 6 against respondent No.7 – rice mill which is causing environmental pollution.

We had adjourned the matter to enable the learned counsel for respondent No.1 to take appropriate instructions. It is stated that on 14-11-2003 inspection was carried out by office staff and it was observed that respondent No.7 had not implemented the measures suggested by A.P. Pollution Control Board. At the time of inspection, rice mill was not in operation due to power cut and representatives of respondent No.7 informed the inspection team that mill is being operated for 4 to 5 hours only.

In the facts and circumstances of the case, no other or further directions deserve to be issued in this case except directing the respondent No.1 to take appropriate steps in the matter as per the provisions of law against the respondent No.7. In case respondent No.7 will not comply with the directions to be issued by respondent No.1, steps will be taken by respondent No.1 by issuing appropriate directions to ensure that provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the rules and regulations are duly complied with by respondent No.1 failing which respondent No.1 will be at liberty to take such action against respondent No.7 as is permissible in law. Writ petition stands disposed of.

DEVINDER GUPTA, CJ

G.ROHINI, J

27th November, 2003.

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