

KALI BACHAO ANDOLAN

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Shri .Chandak
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WCP
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April, 1,2003

Re: Pollution from WCP

Dear Shri. Chandak,

We have read your statement in local newspaper about the efforts of WCP in controlling the affulents from your factory. This is a positive sign and we appreciate your effort in installing the treatment plan costing Rs.6 crores. We are sure that you would provide us an opportunity to visit these plants.

We would appreciate if you can provide us following information:

- The amount of freshwater drawn from upstream in Kali River/ per day in liters.
- The amount of water used by WCP/ liter per day.
- The quantity of polluted affluent left out per hour by your factory
- The quantity of electricity used by WCP per day/ for production of paper.
- The quantity of electricity generated by WCP (from its coal based plant).
- Total number of workers employed by WCP (Permanent workers, casual workers)
- Total quantity of paper produced by WCP per day.
- Raw materials used per day/per ton.

We are sure that WCP derives enormous benefit from River Kali and that you would definitely like to see Kali, a living river in coming years. We request your support in *KALI BACHAO ANDOLAN*.

The *Andolan* will be launched on 3rd April 2003. This will be launched near the Kali River.

We would like to make it clear that we are not against WCP, and the objective of the *Andolan* is to protect Kali.

Once again seeking your support towards our *Andolan*.

Pandurang Hegde
For *Kali Bachao Andolan*

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್.ವಿ.ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆ
ಸಹಕಾರಿ ಸಚಿವರು,
ಉಸ್ತುವಾರಿ ಸಚಿವರು, ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
ವಿಧಾನ ಸೌಧ
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

ದಿನಾಂಕ: 5-5-2005

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್.ವಿ.ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ
ವಂದನೆಗಳು.

ನೀವು ನಮ್ಮ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಉಸ್ತುವಾರಿ ಸಚಿವರೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯೆನಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಪ್ರಜಾತಂತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಪಾರ ನಂಬಿಕೆಯುಳ್ಳವರಾದ ತಾವು ಸಹಕಾರಿ ಸಚಿವರಾಗಿ ಉತ್ತಮ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಪ್ರಜಾತಂತ್ರದ ಮೌಲ್ಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತಮಗೆ ಅಪಾರ ನಂಬಿಕೆಯಿದೆಯೆಂದು ನಮ್ಮ ಅನಿಸಿಕೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ಅನಿಸಿಕೆ ನಿಜವೆಂದು ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತ ತಮ್ಮಲ್ಲೊಂದು ಅರಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

ಎಪ್ರಿಲ್ ೩ ರಂದು ದಾಂಡೇಲಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದ ಘಟನೆಯ ಕುರಿತು ತಮಗೆ ತಿಳಿದಿರಬಹುದು. ಕಾಳಿ ಬಜಾವೋ ಆಂದೋಲನದ ಮೂರನೇ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕೋತ್ಸವದ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದ ಘಟನೆ ವಿವರಗಳು ಎಲ್ಲ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಹಾಗೆಯೇ ತಮಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿರುವಂತೆ ಸಂಯುಕ್ತ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ದಿನ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಈ ಕುರಿತು ನಿಷ್ಪಕ್ಷಪಾತವಾದ ವರದಿ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾಯಿತು. ಆದರೆ ಆ ವರದಿ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ಮರುದಿನವೇ ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ಬರೆದ ಪರ್ತಕರ್ತರನ್ನು ಕೆಲಸದಿಂದ ತೆಗೆದು ಹಾಕಲಾಯಿತು.

ಸಂಯುಕ್ತ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯ ಟ್ರಸ್ಟಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಒಬ್ಬರಾದ ತಮಗೆ ಈ ಘಟನೆಯ ಕುರಿತು ತಿಳಿದಿರಬೇಕಲ್ಲವೇ?. ವರದಿಗಾರರನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದು ಹಾಕಿರುವ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಹಸ್ತಕ್ಷೇಪ ಎನೂ ಇಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ನಮ್ಮ ನಂಬಿಕೆ. ತಾವು ಪ್ರಜಾತಂತ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಅಪಚಾರವಾಗುವುದನ್ನು ಸಹಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ನಮಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತು.

ನಾವು ತಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ತಾವು ಈ ಕೂಡಲೇ ದಾಂಡೇಲಿಯ ಸಂಯುಕ್ತ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ ವರದಿಗಾರರನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದು ಹಾಕಿರುವ ಕುರಿತು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿ ಅವರನ್ನು ಪುನಃ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವಂತೆ ಆಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಳಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸ ಬೇಕೆಂದು ವಿನಂತಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಆ ಮೂಲಕ ಪ್ರಜಾತಂತ್ರದ, ಅಭಿವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯದ ಉಳಿವಿಗೆ ಬೆಂಬಲ ನೀಡುವರೆಂದು ತಿಳಿದಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

ಇಂತಿ ತಮ್ಮ ವಿಶ್ವಾಸಿ

ಪಾಂಡುರಂಗ ಹೆಗಡೆ

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Shantanu Datt
Resident Editor
The New Indian Express
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April, 8, 2003

Re: **Reporting not based on facts**

Dear Shri Shantanu Datt,

Greeting from Sirsi.

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After completion of the foot march, the local people were eager to launch *KALI BACHAO ANDOLAN* to protect the river. As first step of this movement a symbolic protest was staged in Dandeli against the effluent left into Kali river by Paper Mill. The Paper Mill created terror among villagers and they tried every means to stop the protest. They even used the local newspapers against us.

Inspite to this stiff opposition we launched the movement and took the district authorities to the villages effected by the pollution.

However, in your newspaper the report is misleading and it is not factual. They have played into the hands of Paper Mill and have reported in their favour. We never resorted "Rastha Rokho" as reported in your paper. Thus the report is totally misleading and damaging to the grassroots movement.

We hope that you would enquire into the matter and take action on the reporter for fraudulent reporting.

A copy of the news report is enclosed for your reference.

Pandurang Hegde
For *Parisara Samrakshana Kendra*

⇒ Though the crops were damaged, the report says that it is not damaged.

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