CWP No.7036 of 2005.

Present:

Shri A.R.Takkar, Advocate, for Pollution Control Board.

Ms. Madhu Dayal, Addl: A.G.Punjab.

Shri Sanjeev Sharma, Sr.Advocate, with

Shri Sekhar Verma, Advocate.

Suri V.K. Kaushal, Advocate, for PWSSB.

Shri G.S.Brar, Advocate, for Shri M.L.Saggar, Advocate.

Shri Ashwani Bakshi, Advocate, for Tejpur Unit. Shri T.P.Singh, Advocate, for respondent No.7.

Shri G.S.Lalli, Advocate-intervenor.

Shri M.L.Saini, Advocate.

Shri Sanjay Joshi, Advocate, for Ministry of Environment &

Forests.

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A status report by way of counter affidavit of Harjit Singh Kandhola, Addl Secretary to Government of Punjab has been placed on the record.

Before we proceed further with the present petition, it is necessary to crystalise the issues which require immediate attention of this Court. At the out-set, we would like to be apprised of the expenditure incurred by various departments and undertakings of the State of Punjab during the last 20 years in respect to the treatment/ curing of water flowing into the Budda Nala. The detail of the amount spent for this purpose shall be disclosed on affidavit.

Further this Court would like to direct the Punjab Pollution Control Board to submit a status report in respect of the discharge of water after treatment of effluents which flow from various plants established in Ludhiana. The Pollution Control Board shall also report about its

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statutory responsibilities and powers and what steps, if any, have been taken to enforce those powers.

We have noticed that in most of the petitions involving several respondents, all the parties are not served with the pleadings / affidavits on the ground that the copies of the documents/affidavits placed on record are served only on the concerned respondents. In our view all the parties who are involved in the case must be served with all the pleadings/documents/affidavits placed on record by either side because unless and until the so called pleadings are perused further proceedings cannot be taken. In this situation, we direct all the parties that hence forth a copy of all the pleadings/documents/affidavits which are placed on the record shall have to be served on all the parties.

The Registry of this Court is directed to ensure strict compliance thereof.

List again on September 22, 2010.

August 09, 2010 Malik Self Mukal Mudgal Chief Justic-Saff Ajay Tewari, Judge