

**High Court of Karnataka**

Daily Orders of the Case Number: WP 7288/2011 for the date of order 02/06/2014

**Honble Justice CHIEF JUSTICE  
AND H.G.RAMESH****02/06/2014****Order in WP 7288/2011**

Learned Amicus Curiae has submitted a report with copies of the proceedings of meetings held by the respondents concerned in order to put in place the committees and working plan for planting more trees in the city of Bangalore and ensuring their survival. It was discussed and submitted at the bar that in absence of any concrete data about survival of more than 8,50,000 trees newly planted during five years from 2007-08 to 2010-11, it was imperative that the committees constituted now as per the report submitted today need to have specific plans and targets for planting new trees and ensuring their survival in such manner that the result of the plantation drive could be verified and accounted for. It was also submitted that the NGOs working in the area, particularly focused on the environment and green cover of the city as also the local residents were required to be involved, so as to ensure that planting of thousands of new trees does not become just a ritual to be performed and forgotten thereafter.

2. It was in that context that learned counsel Mr.Subramanya.R, appearing for the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) submitted that the committees constituted as per the aforesaid report shall, as early as may be, hold a meeting to chalk out a plan of action for identifying the areas wherein certain number of trees will be planted during or immediately after the monsoon which is round the corner and also put in place the machinery with designation of the officers concerned who would be responsible for maintaining and ensuring survival of the saplings to be newly planted. He also submitted that now the plans and projections will be prepared by the committees in terms of number of trees and the expected rate of

survival in a verifiable manner, so as to report from time to time the exact number of saplings planted and surviving.

3. Hearing is adjourned to 23.06.2014, at the request of Mr.Subramanya.R, for calling in the meantime meeting of the committees and preparing and reporting the plans and projections for fresh planting of saplings in the city.

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