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AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal with Delhi CM Atishi and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh during a press conference, in New Delhi, on January 30, 2025. | Photo Credit: PTI

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Aam Aadmi Party chief Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday (January 29, 2025) replied to the Election Commission of India's notice over his claims regarding Yamuna water, blaming the issue on indiscriminate discharge of untreated waste into the river upstream, and denying he violated any laws.

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On January 27, Mr. Kejriwal alleged that the BJP government in Haryana was "mixing poison" in the Yamuna water reaching Delhi. Backing him on Tuesday, Delhi Chief Minister Atishi had cited a letter by the CEO of the Delhi Jal Board (DJB), which stated that while water plants in the capital are designed to treat 1 parts per million (ppm) of ammonia, levels in Yamuna water were well above permissible limits. The DJB too, however, later refuted Mr. Kejriwal's allegations as "factually incorrect" and "without any basis and misleading", as "ammonia in river Yamuna increases" during the winter months between October and February.



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On Tuesday, the EC had asked Mr. Kejriwal to provide factual evidence to substantiate his allegations.

In his reply, Mr. Kejriwal, citing the DJB CEO's communication, said: "The root cause of this water contamination, as identified by DJB's [CEO's] letter, is the indiscriminate discharge of untreated domestic and Industrial waste into the Yamuna River upstream. The systemic failure in controlling this pollution has resulted in a public health crisis of unprecedented scale. The urgent cessation of these polluting activities is an absolute necessity, and the upper riparian authorities bear the primary responsibility to ensure that Delhi's water supply remains uncontaminated and safe."



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His statement did not violate Sections 196, 197 and 353 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and Section 123(4) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, he said, adding there was no breach of Model Code of Conduct (MCC). His statement was “fully protected under the constitutional guarantee of freedom of speech and expression, and no offence or any violation of Code of Conduct was committed,” Mr. Kejriwal’s letter read.

Meanwhile, Ms. Atishi said in a letter to Lieutenant-Governor V.K. Saxena that the latter had bowed to political interest.

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CEC is indulging in politics, wants job after retirement, says AAP supreme; leaders march to BJP headquarters in attempt to distribute bottles of water with high ammonia levels to Shah, others

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NEW DELHI

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Hitting out at BJP leader Sanjay Singh carrying 'contaminated' water samples to the BJP headquarters in New Delhi on Thursday. PTI

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EC team reached Mann's residence for raid, says AAP
NEW DELHI
The AAP on Thursday said officials of the Election Commission, along with the police, arrived at the official residence of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann in Delhi to conduct a raid on the "directors" of the BJP. It said that BJP leaders were openly distributing money, yet Mr. Mann was being targeted.

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The poll body asked the former Delhi Chief Minister to respond by 11 a.m. on Friday. The EC had sent a notice to him on January 27 and Mr. Kejriwal had responded to it on January 28. In his letter to Mr. Kejriwal on Thursday, the EC asked him not to mix the issue of increased ammonia content in Yamuna with his serious allegations on the river being poisoned and of a mass genocide, which was similar to an act of war between two nations.

He asked him to provide factual evidence with specific and pointed response to type, quantity, nature, and manner of poisoning of Yamuna as well as details of engineers, location, and methodology used by Delhi Jal Board engineers to detect the poison, falling which the commission would "take appropriate decision in the matter". The EC also highlighted

EC asks Kejriwal evidence for 'poisoning' of Yamuna

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Murky waters: The poll body asked the AAP chief not to mix the issue of increased ammonia content with poisoning in the river. PTI

AAP chief accuses poll body of favouring BJP

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as Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar, who is set to retire next month, was eyeing a post-retirement job.

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that the availability of sufficient and clean water was a governance issue, and that all concerned government departments at all times should engage in securing this for all the people.

on long-standing water-sharing and pollution issues during the bid election period, particularly where agreements and legal directives from the Supreme Court and National Green Tribunal already exist, the letter said.

"I'll not arbitrate!"
The EC finds no reason for anyone to dispute this noble position and will leave it to the competence and discretion of governments and agencies, abstaining from arbitration

Mr. Kejriwal had earlier said that raw water received from the BJP-ruled Haryana in the recent past was "highly contaminated and extremely poisonous" for human health.

EC team visits Mann house in Delhi for search, denied entry

Mann: EC, police trying to defame Punjabis at BJP's behest

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, JAN. 30

Days ahead of the Delhi Assembly polls, the AAP on Thursday claimed that the Election Commission (EC) officials and the Delhi police raided Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann's Kapurthala House residence. The EC team reportedly conducted a raid for a search operation. However, they claimed that they were not allowed to enter the premises.

The development comes after a complaint about alleged money distribution. The EC's flying squad was initially not allowed entry into the premises, but later gained access, only to find the rooms locked.

Terming it "yet another politically motivated move by BJP", the AAP accused the ruling party for misusing government agencies to target the Opposition leaders while turning a blind eye to blatant violations of the model code of conduct by the BJP leaders.

AAP national convenor Arvind Kejriwal questioned the 'selective targeting of the Opposition leaders', highlighting that



Police personnel outside Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann's Kapurthala House residence in New Delhi on Thursday.

— DC

while the BJP leaders are openly distributing cash, blankets, sarees, shoes, jackets, shawls, and even gold chains ahead of the elections, it is the Punjab CM who is being subjected to a raid.

Mr Mann also strongly condemned the raid, stating that the Delhi police and the Election Commission were working under the BJP's influence to malign the image of Punjab and its people.

Speaking to the media, Mr

Kejriwal said, "The chief minister of Punjab resides in Delhi at Kapurthala House, which is his official residence. It seems that a raid is being conducted on the chief minister of Punjab. I don't understand — it's BJP leaders who are openly distributing money, blankets, sarees, shoes, jackets, shawls, and even gold chains. Yet, the raid is happening on the chief minister of Punjab. What kind of governance is this?"

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JD(U) seeks more time for JPC on one-nation one poll

DC CORRESPONDENTS WITH AGENCY INPUTS NEW DELHI, JAN. 30

At an all-party meeting held here on Thursday ahead of the budget session of Parliament that begins on Friday, the Opposition parties pushed for a discussion on the Maha Kumbh stampede and blamed it on the Uttar Pradesh government's alleged focus on VIPs rather than ordinary pilgrims. Parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijju said that the business advisory committee will decide on the agenda of the session.

Mr. Rijju described the meeting chaired by defence minister Rajnath Singh as "constructive" and sought cooperation from all Opposition parties, adding that the customary discussions on the President's address to Parliament and the Union budget were the main priorities in the budget session. BJP ally Janata Dal (United) has sought an extension in the tenure of the Joint Parliamentary Committee scrutinising the bills proposing simultaneous elections. P8



Rush of passengers at the Varanasi Cantonment railway station on mauni amavasya in Varanasi late on Wednesday.

UP GOVT RAMPS UP SECURITY AS DEVOTEES CONTINUE TO POUR IN

DC CORRESPONDENT WITH AGENCY INPUTS NEW DELHI/PRAVAGRA, JAN. 30

A day after a stampede at the Maha Kumbh Mela left 30 people dead, the Uttar Pradesh government ramped up efforts to ensure crowd management and the safety of devotees who continued to flock in large numbers for the religious gathering. The devotees were undeterred by the pre-

dawn chill and reduced visibility due to the dense fog in their bid to take a dip in the Sangam and at other ghats on Thursday seeking "moksha" or salvation. Pilgrims, including women and children, were seen walking to and from the various ghats amid reduced visibility. Many had thin blankets covering their bodies while some stopped by bonfires along the routes to keep themselves warm. P8

JD(U) seeks more time for JPC on one-nation one poll

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At the all-party meeting, sources said, JD(U) leader Sanjay Jha called for an extension in the tenure of the JPC, which was asked to submit its report by the first day of the last week of the budget session. The party said it sought the extension as the committee has met only once and that such an important piece of legislation will require wide consultation.

Gaurav Gogoi and Jairam Ramesh of the Congress, T.R. Baalu of the DMK, Sudip Bandhyopadhyay and Derek O'Brien of the TMC were amongst those who attended the meeting. Mr. Rijju said, "We have appealed to all parties that since it is the budget session and the first session of this year, the President will be addressing. After the President's address, the Economic Survey will be presented on January 31. On February 1, the Union Budget will be presented, after which discussions will be held on the President's address followed by the discussions on the Budget. He added: "Tomorrow, with the Rajya Sabha Chairman and Lok Sabha Speaker the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) will decide the duration of discussions

UP GOVT RAMPS UP SECURITY AS DEVOTEES CONTINUE TO POUR IN

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A large number of devotees kept moving towards the Sangam from the Prayagraj city side via the Kachhap Dwar, while several others who had arrived for Mauni Amavasya and the subsequent rituals were seen heading back towards the city.

Considered among the holiest Hindu pilgrimages and held once in 12 years, the Kumbh Mela kicked off on January 13 and will continue till February 26. The tragedy struck on Wednesday when crores of devotees gathered near the Sangam - the point where the Ganga, Yamuna and mythical Saraswati rivers on the President's address and the Budget discussion." There are 16 bills and 19 businesses already listed in both Houses. The Opposition INDIA bloc will raise all issues together in the budget session, Congress leader Pramod Tiwari said. He said his party will flag the issue of religious congregation at Maha Kumbh becoming a gathering of VIPs linked with the ruling BJP. The issue of rising unemployment and the plight

meet -to take the traditional holy dip on one of the holiest days of the six-week event.

Maha Kumbh DIG Vaibhav Krishna said the incident took place due to crowd pressure. The crowd broke barricades and jumped to the other side, crushing those waiting there, he said. On Wednesday, more than 7.64 crore devotees had a "snan" at the Maha Kumbh, the highest in a single day so far.

A day after the tragedy, about two crore devotees reportedly took the holy dip by 4 pm on Thursday. So far, more than 28 crore devotees are said to have taken the holy dip.

of farmers will also be raised in the session, he added.

President Droupadi Murmu will address both Houses of Parliament on Friday, January 31, kickstarting the session, in which Budget 2025 will be presented by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on February 1. The first part of the Budget Session will begin on January 31 and continue till February 13. The second part of the session will begin on March 10 and end on April 4.

Don't mix ammonia, poison, EC tells AAP

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NEW DELHI, JAN. 30

Amidst the ongoing controversy over the accusations of "poison" being mixed in the Yamuna waters, the Election Commission, in a fresh notice on Thursday, asked AAP convenor Arvind Kejriwal "not to mix the issue of increased ammonia in Yamuna with his allegation of river poisoning", and asked him to explain his charges against the Haryana government by 11 am on Friday. Hitting back, Mr Kejriwal said the chief election commissioner (CEC) has made a "mess" of the poll panel and he will not let the people of Delhi drink poisonous water as long as he is alive. He also voiced fears that he may be apprehended in two days.

The EC has also asked

BJP TOP GUNS LINE UP TO FIRE AT KEJRIWAL

BHASKAR HARI SHARMA
| DC
NEW DELHI, JAN. 30

Keeping up its aggressive campaign, senior BJP leaders, including Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, and J.P. Nadda, among others, held 31 rallies on Thursday ahead of the February 5 Assembly elections in Delhi.

Mr Kejriwal to share details of the engineers, location and methodology of detecting the "poison" by Delhi Jal Board staff, failing which the commission will be free to take appropriate decisions in the matter. ■P8

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Earlier, on Wednesday, Mr Kejriwal had responded to the poll panel notice over his claim the Haryana government was "mixing poison" in the Yamuna, and said raw water received from the BJP-ruled state in the recent past has been "highly contaminated and extremely poisonous" for human health.

In the 14-page reply to the EC, the former Delhi chief minister had said if such "toxic water" is allowed to be consumed by people, it would lead to grave health hazards and fatalities. Not satisfied with his reply, the EC, however, asked him to provide factual evidence with specific and pointed response to the type, quantity, nature and manner of poisoning of Yamuna.

Addressing a press briefing, Mr Kejriwal accused CEC Rajiv Kumar of engaging in politics by issuing him a notice over his claim that the Haryana government was "mixing poison" in the Yamuna. "No one has damaged the Election Commission the way Rajiv Kumar has done. If he wants, he can contest elections from any

of the Delhi Assembly seats," the former chief minister said.

Targeting the CEC, the AAP supremo said: "If you want to do politics, contest elections. He is eyeing a post-retirement job. No one has damaged the Election Commission as much as Rajiv Kumar has". He added: "I will not let the people of Delhi drink poisonous water as long as I am alive. I know they will arrest me in two days, but I am not afraid," he added.

Taking a potshot at his political rivals, the AAP national convener alleged that the Congress and BJP have teamed up and were putting the health of Delhi's people in jeopardy.

Targeting Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Saini, Mr Kejriwal said the CM "was trapped in his own drama" and claimed that Mr Saini could not have even a sip of the water during his visit to Palla. "Yet, he wants the people of Delhi to consume this poisonous water," he added.

"For the past several days, water with extremely dangerous ammonia levels has been flowing into the Yamuna from Haryana."

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EC keeps all options open as Kejriwal escalates water row

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New Delhi: With former Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal sticking to his guns on "Haryana poisoned Yamuna waters" allegations, all options, including ordering a criminal FIR, are open for the Election Commission if he again fails to back up his sensational claims with facts and evidence by the Friday 11am deadline set by the poll panel.

The EC letter to Kejriwal on Thursday — stating that his reply to its notice provided no "factual and legal matrix" with evidence to back his allegation that the BJP govt in Haryana deliberately poisoned the waters of Yamuna with "with an intent to cause geno-

AAP CHIEF FACES PROSPECT OF FIR

> EC prima facie finds Kejriwal allegations 'promoting disharmony and enmity between different groups, and overall public disorder and unrest, even by most sober interpretation'
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code of citizens of Delhi" — put it on record that the commission has prima facie found his allegations as "promoting disharmony and enmity between different groups, and overall public disorder and unrest, even by most sober interpretation".

EC further said the words used in Kejriwal's statement, the comparative emphasis laid

model code of conduct.

The AAP convener responded by going ballistic against the poll panel and Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and said, "I want to tell Rajiv Kumarji, history will not forgive you. The amount of damage you have done to the EC, I don't think it has ever been tarnished this badly in India's history. I know that within two days, they will put me in jail. The kind of language the EC has used today is unprecedented. This is not the job of the EC."

He went on to say that if Kumar wanted to engage in politics, he should contest an election. "Let him stand as a candidate from any assembly seat in Delhi," he said.

The EC letter said Kejriwal, being a prominent public figure and former CM, should be aware of the dire consequences that such utterances can have and how they can leave permanent scars between residents of Haryana and Delhi.

AAP lashes out after EC staff, cops search house of Mann

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New Delhi: Probing a complaint on the eVIGIL mobile application about money being allegedly distributed from the official residence of Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann in New Delhi, a team of election officials, along with police, reached Kapurthala House on Thursday evening. They were stopped by the security personnel and had to wait for 90 minutes before they were finally allowed to go in. The entire search operation was recorded on video.

AAP functionaries protested vehemently with Mann accusing the Election Commission of "defaming Punjabis at the behest of BJP" and AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal alleging that opposition functionaries were being targeted while BJP netas were openly distributing cash and valuables without facing any action. BJP, on the other hand, claimed that poll officials and police personnel were stalled from entering to remove incriminating material.

According to the poll officials, the team was responding to a complaint on eVIGIL, a platform where anyone can report violations of the model code of conduct.

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Kejriwal says CEC indulging in 'dirty politics' amid EC nudge

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WITH the Election Commission (EC) expressing dissatisfaction with the response of Arvind Kejriwal to its notice over his claim that the Haryana government was "mixing poison" in Yamuna river, the AAP supremo on Thursday accused Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar of getting indulged in "dirty politics" and alleged that he was seeking a post-retirement job.

The EC said that Kejriwal's statement about the poisoning of Yamuna had prima facie been found to "promote disharmony and enmity between groups", potentially leading to public disorder and unrest.

The poll panel sought further clarification on several points, seeking a response by 11 am on January 31, 2025, failing which action would be initiated.

At a press meet, Kejriwal threw down a challenge at the poll panel saying he would send three bottles of Yamuna water to Kumar and other commissioners to drink



the "high-ammonia" water. He alleged the CEC of acting in favour of the BJP by turning a blind eye to malpractice.

The AAP chief claimed he suspects that he would be arrested in the next two days and history will never forgive Kumar for the damage he has inflicted on democratic system.

"Cash is being openly distributed, but they fail to see it. Every day, blankets are being distributed. But they don't notice this. We even pointed out whose house is being used to store the money, yet they turn a blind eye," Kejriwal said.

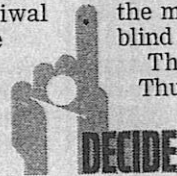
The EC, in a letter on Thursday, pointed out that while Kejriwal had provided a reply, it failed to address the

critical issue of his statement about the alleged poisoning of the Yamuna river.

"The statement, which Kejriwal made during the campaign, equated the act to 'an act of war between nations' and claimed that it was timely detected by the engineers of the Delhi Jal Board, who reportedly stopped the poisonous water at the Delhi border," it said, adding that "no factual or legal evidence had been provided to substantiate the claim" and directed Kejriwal to submit a second, more detailed and pointed reply.

The EC asked Kejriwal to clarify the type of poison allegedly mixed by the Haryana government in Yamuna, the supporting evidence regarding the quantity and nature of the poison, the method and location of its detection, and the role of Delhi Jal Board engineers in preventing the "poisonous" water from entering Delhi.

The EC reiterated that Kejriwal's initial response, instead of addressing the factual and legal aspects of the statement, merely attempted to justify it based on the high ammonia content in the river.



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Yamuna row: Unhappy EC gives Kejri another chance



AAP leader Sanjay Singh along with supporters march to BJP headquarters in Delhi with bottles of Yamuna water

NEW DELHI: The Election Commission on Thursday asked AAP convenor Arvind Kejriwal not to mix the issue of increased ammonia in Yamuna with his allegation of river poisoning, and gave him a fresh opportunity to explain his charges against the Haryana government.

Not satisfied with his reply on Wednesday, the EC asked him to provide factual evidence with specific and pointed response to type, quantity, nature and manner of poisoning of Yamuna.

He was also asked to share details of engineers, location and methodology of detecting the "poison" by Delhi Jal Board staff by Friday 11 am, failing which the Commission will be free to take appropriate decision in the matter.

Kejriwal had on Wednesday responded to the Election Commission notice over his claim the Haryana government was "mixing poison" in Yamuna, and said raw water received from the BJP-ruled state in the recent past has been "highly contaminated and extremely poisonous" for human health.

In its fresh letter to the former Delhi CM, the poll body also highlighted that availability of sufficient and clean water is a governance issue, and that all governments concerned at all times should engage in securing this for all the people.

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CEC destroyed poll panel's credibility, says AAP supremo

NEW DELHI: AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday accused Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar of doing politics by sending him a notice over his claim that the Haryana government was "mixing poison" in the Yamuna.

Addressing a press conference here, Kejriwal alleged that Kumar had "destroyed" the credibility of the Election Commission (EC) and was eyeing a post-retirement position. The former CM's remarks came shortly after the EC expressed dissatisfaction with his reply to its notice and gave him a fresh opportunity to explain his charges against the Haryana government. "No one has damaged the Election Commission the way Rajiv Kumar has done. If he wants, he can contest elections from any of the Delhi Assembly seats," Kejriwal said. "I will not let the people of Delhi drink poisonous water till I am alive. I know they will arrest me in two days but I am not afraid," he said without naming anyone. He responded to the EC notice on Wednesday, saying that raw water received from Haryana in the recent past had been "highly contaminated and extremely poisonous" for human health.

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டெல்லி சட்டசபை தேர்தல் 5-ந்தேதி நடக்கிறது. இதற்கிடையே, அரியானா மாநில அரசு, டெல்லிக்கு வரும் யமுனை ஆற்று நீரில் விஷம் கலப்பதாகவும், அந்த நீரை குடித்தால் டெல்லி மக்கள் இறந்து விடுவார்கள் என்றும் ஆம் ஆத்மி ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளரும், டெல்லி முன்னாள் முதல்-மந்திரியுமான அரவிந்த் கெஜ்ரிவால் கூறினார்.

அவருக்கு பிரதமர் மோடி, எதிர்க்கட்சி தலைவர் ராகுல் காந்தி ஆகியோர் கண்டனம் தெரிவித்தனர்.

பா.ஜனதா புகாரின்பேரில், கெஜ்ரிவாலிடம் தேர்தல் கமிஷன் விளக்கம் கேட்டது. நேற்று முன்தினம் கெஜ்ரி

வால் 14 பக்க பதில் அனுப்பினார்.

அதில், சம்பகாலமாக அரியானாவில் இருந்து வரும் யமுனை ஆற்று நீர் மிகவும் மாசடைந்தும், விஷத்தன்மையுடனும் இருப்பதாகவும், அதை குடிக்க அனுமதித்தால் உயிருக்கு ஆபத்தாகி விடும் என்றும் அவர் கூறியிருந்தார்.

மீண்டும் கடிதம்

இந்நிலையில், அரவிந்த் கெஜ்ரிவால் பதில் திருப்தி அளிக்கவில்லை என்று, அவரிடம் மீண்டும் விளக்கம் கேட்டு தேர்தல் கமிஷன் நேற்று கடிதம் எழுதியது. அதில், தேர்தல் கமிஷன் கூறியிருப்பதாகவு:-

அரவிந்த் கெஜ்ரிவால் தனது பதிலில், மையப்பிரச்சினை குறித்து எதுவும் கூறவில்லை. யமுனை ஆற்று நீர் எந்த வகையில், எந்த அளவுக்கு விஷமாக்கப்பட்டது என்பதற்கான ஆதாரங்களை அளிக்க வேண்டும்.

டெல்லி குடிநீர் வாரிய

ஊழியர் எந்த இடத்தில் விஷத்தை கண்டுபிடித்தார், அதற்கு பின்பற்றிய முறை, என்ஜினியர்கள் போன்ற விவரங்களையும் அளிக்க வேண்டும்.

உரிய நடவடிக்கை

யமுனை ஆற்று நீரில் அமோனியா அளவு அதிகரித்ததை விஷம் கலக்கப்பட்டதாக முடிச்சு போடக்கூடாது. தங்கள் விளக்கத்தை 31-ந்தேதி (இன்று) காலை 11 மணிக்குள் அளிக்க வேண்டும். இல்லாவிட்டால், இப்பிரச்சினையில் தேர்தல் கமிஷன் உரிய நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கும்.

இவ்வாறு தேர்தல் கமிஷன் கூறியுள்ளது.

அரசியல் செய்கிறார்

அதேசமயத்தில், தலைமை தேர்தல் கமிஷனர் ராஜீவ்

குமாரை அரவிந்த் கெஜ்ரிவால் கடுமையாக விமர்சித்துள்ளார். அவர் நிருபர்களிடம் கூறியதாகவு:-

தலைமை தேர்தல் கமிஷனர் அரசியல் செய்கிறார். ராஜீவ் குமார் அளவுக்கு வேறு யாரும் தேர்தல் கமிஷனுக்கு பாதிப்பு ஏற்படுத்தியது இல்லை. தேர்தல் கமிஷனின் நம்பகத்தன்மையை அழித்து விட்டார். அவர் ஓய்வு பெற்ற பிறகு பதவி கிடைக்க வேண்டும் என்ற கண்ணோட்டத்தில் செயல்படுகிறார்.

அவர் ஆசைப்பட்டால், டெல்லி சட்டசபை தேர்தலில் போட்டியிட்டும், நான் உயிருடன் இருக்கும்வரை டெல்லி மக்கள் விஷத்தன்மையில் குடிக்க அனுமதிக்க மாட்டேன். இன்னும் 2 நாட்களில் என்னை கைது செய்வார்கள் என்று தெரியும். ஆனால் நான் பயப்பட மாட்டேன்.

இவ்வாறு அவர் கூறினார்.

டெல்லியில் உள்ள

பஞ்சாப் முதல்-மந்திரி வீட்டில் தேர்தல் அதிகாரிகள் சோதனை

சண்டிகார், ஜன.31-

டெல்லியில் வருகிற 5-ந்தேதி சட்டசபை தேர்தல் நடக்கிறது. இங்கு பஞ்சாப் மாநில பதிவெண் கொண்ட ஒருகாரில் இருந்து நேற்று முன்தினம் பணம் மற்றும் பொருட்களை தேர்தல் அதிகாரிகள் பறிமுதல் செய்திருந்தனர். அங்கும் ஆம் ஆத்மி ஆட்சியில் இருக்கும் நிலையில், டெல்லியில் உள்ள பஞ்சாப் முதல்-மந்திரி பகவந்த் சிங் மன் வீட்டில் நேற்று தேர்தல் அதிகாரிகள் அதிரடி சோதனை நடத்தினர். எனினும் இதில் எந்த பொருட்களும் சிக்கவில்லை என தெரிகிறது. அதேநேரம் இந்த சோதனை தொடர்பாக தேர்தல் அதிகாரிகளுக்கு ஆம் ஆத்மி தலைவர்கள் கடும் கண்டனம் தெரிவித்து உள்ளனர்.

அரவிந்த் கெஜ்ரிவாலுக்கு தேர்தல் கமிஷன் கெடு

யமுனை நீர் விவகாரத்தில் முற்றுகிறது மோதல்

புதுடில்லி, ஜன. 31-
'யமுனை நதியில், ஹரியானா அரசு விஷத்தை கலப்பதாக கூறிய குற்றச்சாட்டை உரிய ஆதாரத்துடன் அரவிந்த் கெஜ்ரிவால் இன்று காலை, 11:00 மணிக்குள் நிரூபிக்கத் தவறினால், இந்த விவகாரத்தில் உரிய முடிவு எடுக்கப்படும்' என, தேர்தல் கமிஷன் எச்சரித்துள்ளது.

ஹரியானாவில், முதல்வர் நயாப் சிங் சைனி தலைமையில் பா.ஜ., ஆட்சி நடக்கிறது.

இம் மாநிலத்தில் உள்ள யமுனை நதியில் இருந்து வரும் தண்ணீர், டில்லி மக்களின் குடிநீர் தேவையை பூர்த்தி செய்கிறது. கூடுதலாக உ.பி.,யில் இருந்தும் டில்லிக்கு குடிநீர் வருகிறது.

அமோனியா கலப்பு

இந்நிலையில், ஹரியானா அரசு யமுனை நதியில் விஷத்தை கலப்பதாக டில்லி முன்னாள் முதல்வர் அரவிந்த் கெஜ்ரிவால் பகீர் குற்றச்சாட்டை சுமத்தினார்.

டில்லி ஜல் வாரிய புலனாய்வுப் பிரிவை சேர்ந்த இன்ஜினியர்கள் இந்த உண்மையை கண்டறிந்ததை அடுத்து யமுனை நதியில் இருந்து பெறப்படும் தண்ணீர் மக்களுக்கு வினியோகிக்கப்படாமல் நிறுத்தப்பட்டதாக தெரிவித்தார்.

விஷம் கலந்த தண்ணீரை குடிப்பதால், டில்லி மக்களுக்கு பாதிப்பு ஏற்பட்டு, ஆம் ஆத்மி அரசு மீது பழி சுமத்த பா.ஜ., சதி செய்வதாகவும்



அரவிந்த் கெஜ்ரிவால்

கெஜ்ரிவால் கூறினார். டில்லி சட்டசபைக்கு பிப்., 5ல் தேர்தல் நடக்கவுள்ள நிலையில், இந்த குற்றச்சாட்டு குறித்து விளக்கம் அளிக்கும்படி கெஜ்ரிவாலுக்கு தேர்தல் கமிஷன் நோட்டீஸ் அனுப்பியது.

அதற்கு கெஜ்ரிவால் நேற்று முன்தினம் விளக்கம் அளித்தார். அதில், யமுனையில் இருந்து ஹரியானா அரசு அனுப்பும் தண்ணீரில், அளவுக்கு அதிகமாக அமோனியா கலக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

அதை, டில்லி

தண்ணீர் சுத்திகரிப்பு ஆலைகளால் மனிதர்கள் அருந்துவதற்கு ஏற்றதாக மாற்ற முடியவில்லை எனக் குறிப்பிட்டிருந்தார்.

சோதனை

இதை தேர்தல் கமிஷன் ஏற்க மறுத்துவிட்டது. இது தொடர்பாக கெஜ்ரிவாலுக்கு இரண்டாவது நோட்டீசை தேர்தல் கமிஷன் நேற்று அனுப்பியது.

அதில், யமுனையில் எவ்வாறு விஷம் கலக்கப்பட்டது, அதன் அளவு, தன்மை, அதை கண்டு பிடித்த பொறியாளர்களின் விபரங்கள், எங்கு சோதனை நடத்தப்பட்டது, விஷத்தைக் கண்டறியும் முறை உள்ளிட்ட விபரங்களை உரிய ஆதாரங்களுடன் இன்று காலை 11:00 மணிக்குள் கெஜ்ரிவால் சமர்ப்பிக்க வேண்டும்.

தவறினால், இந்த விவகாரத்தில் நாங்கள் உரிய முடிவை எடுக்க நேரிடும் என்றும் எச்சரித்துள்ளது.

'தேர்தல் கமிஷனுக்கு முன்று பாடடில் தண்ணீர்'

தேர்தல் கமிஷனின் இரண்டாவது நோட்டீஸ் குறித்து கெஜ்ரிவால் நேற்று கூறியதாவது:

தேர்தல் கமிஷனர் ராஜீவ் குமார் பணி ஓய்வுக்குப் பிறகும் பணியாற்ற விரும்புகிறார். அவர் அளவுக்கு ஜனநாயகத்தை யாரும் சீழிக்க முடியாது. அந்த நோட்டீசில் அவர் பயன்படுத்தி இருக்கும் மொழி, தேர்தல் கமிஷன் பயன்படுத்தக்கூடிய மொழி அல்ல. அவர் டில்லி சட்டசபை தேர்தலில் போட்டியிடலாம்.

யமுனையில் இருந்து வந்த தண்ணீரை முன்று பாட்டில்களில் நிரப்பி ராஜீவ் குமாருக்கு அனுப்பி வைக்கிறேன். இன்னும் முன்று தினங்களில் என்னை கைது செய்வார். அதற்கு நான் அஞ்சவில்லை.

இவ்வாறு அவர் கூறினார்.

Dinakaran

Date: 31-01-2015

இடைத்தேர்தல் பணி மும்முரம்



► ஈரோடு கிழக்கு தொகுதி இடைத்தேர்தல் வருகிற பிப்.5ம் தேதி நடக்கிறது. இதை யொட்டி, மின்னணு வாக்குப்பதிவு இயந்திரங்களில் சின்னங்கள் பொருத்தும் பணி மும்முரமாக நடந்தது.

Dinamani

Date: 31-01-2015

யமுனையில் விஷம் கலப்புபுகார்

கேஜரிவாலிடம் மீண்டும் ஆதாரங்கள் கோரியது தேர்தல் ஆணையம்

பது தில்லி, ஜன.30: யமுனையில் ஹரியானா அரசு விஷம் கலந்திருப்பதாக குற்றஞ்சாட்டிய ஆம் ஆத்மி கட்சியின் தேசிய அமைப்பாளர் அரவிந்த் கேஜரிவாலிடம், இது தொடர்பாக மீண்டும் விளக்கம் அளிக்குமாறு தேர்தல் ஆணையம் வியாழக்கிழமை கடிதம் எழுதியுள்ளது.

யமுனை நதி ஹரியானா வழியாக தில்லியில் பாய்கிறது. ஹரியானாவில் ஆட்சியில் உள்ள பாஜக தலைமையிலான அரசு, யமுனையில் விஷத்தை கலப்பதாக தில்லி முன்னாள் முதல்வர் கேஜரிவால் அண்மையில் குற்றஞ்சாட்டியிருந்தார். யமுனை நீர் கடந்த சில நாட்களாக மிகவும் மாசுபட்டிருப்பதாகவும் மிகவும் விஷத்தன்மை கொண்டதாக மாறியிருப்பதாகவும் கேஜரிவால் கூறியிருந்தார்.

இந்தக் குற்றச்சாட்டுக்கு விளக்கமளிக்கக் கோரி கேஜரிவாலுக்கு தேர்தல் ஆணையம் கடந்த செவ்வாய்க்கிழமை உத்தரவிட்டது. இதையடுத்து, தேர்தல் ஆணையத்துக்கு அளித்த 14 பக்கப் பதிலில், 'இது போன்ற நிரைமக்கள் பருகினால், தீவிர உடல்நல பாதிப்புகள் மற்றும் இறப்புக்கு வழிவகுக்கும்' என கேஜரிவால் குறிப்பிட்டிருந்தார்.

கேஜரிவாலின் இந்தப்பதிலில் திருப்தியடையாததேர்தல் ஆணையம், யமுனையில் காணப்படும் விஷத்தின் வகை, தன்மை, அளவு ஆகியவை குறித்த ஆதாரங்களை வழங்குமாறு கேஜரிவாலுக்கு உத்தரவிட்டுள்ளது.

மேலும், யமுனையில் விஷத்தை கண்டறிந்த தில்லி ஜல் போர்டு பொறியாளர்கள், கண்டறியப்பட்ட இடம் மற்றும் அதற்காகப் பின்பற்றப்பட்ட முறை குறித்த விவரங்களை வெள்ளிக்கிழமை (ஜன.31) காலை 11 மணியளவில் சமர்ப்பிக்க வேண்டும், தவறும்பட்சத்தில் இந்த விவகாரம் தொடர்பாக உரிய நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்படும் என்று கேஜரிவாலுக்கு எழுதிய கடிதத்தில் தேர்தல் ஆணையம் கூறியுள்ளது.