

## **A letter to Prof. Subhash C. Pandey, Editor-in-Chief of Journal of Environmental Research and Development**

Dear Prof. Pandey,

In July 2014, I found the following paper on Internet: **B.K. Pal, K. Dey and Pratap K. Tandia 2010. “Vibrations on Structures and Soils due to Industrial Activities: Unique Case Studies and Mitigation Measures”, *Journal of Environmental Research and Development*, Vol. 4, No. 3, January-March, pp. 834-853.**

The problem is that the mentioned above paper is 100% plagiarism from my paper: **Svinkin M.R. 2008. “Soil and Structure Vibrations from Construction and Industrial Sources”. *OSP8, Proceedings of the Sixth International Conference on Case Histories in Geotechnical Engineering, OmniPress, Arlington, Virginia, USA.*** The authors plagiarized the all contents of my paper (text, equations, figures and the content of my patent). The authors changes the paper title, removed 42 references from my paper and left only 7 original references and also added their new 5 incorrect references which have no connections with the paper.

Google removed Pal et al. (2010) from its website. Also, this paper was removed from the Journal website.

Unfortunately during a year, the authors of Pal et al. (2010) have not responded to my complaint. I believe that the authors of Pal et al. (2010) have to bring an apology for using plagiarized materials in their paper because their dishonest action disgraces the engineering profession.

Obviously, the readers of the Journal have the right to read the original paper which was plagiarized. Besides, some papers referenced Pal et al. (2010). Therefore, it is necessary to publish Svinkin (2008) in the Journal of Environmental Research and Development with the permission of the copyright holder.

I am thankful for the statement made in your email sent me on November 26, 2014: “Yes, of course we will investigate the whole matter and will file the petition before the suitable court against culprits (institution and individual) if any. It is very essential not only for social justice but also for credibility of our institution and nation as well.”

Regards,

Mark Svinkin, Ph.D.