

(EP Act, 1986) as well as Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) act, 1974.

Besides violations of law, the mining activity is being carried out on a large scale, causing State revenue loss which may be running into lakhs of crores of Rupees.

For the reasons aforesaid, we find merits in this Petition which raises substantial environmental issues and questions arising directly from the implementation of the EP Act, 1986 and other Acts under Schedule – I of NGT Act, 2010. Thus, squarely this Petition falls within the ambit of Section 14 of NGT Act, 2010.

Resultantly, we issue Notice to all the Respondents by registered post/ acknowledgment due and Dasti as well.

Notice returnable on 14th August, 2013

In the meantime, we restrain any person, company, authority to carry out any mining activity or removal of sand, from river beds anywhere in the country without obtaining Environmental Clearance from MoEF/SEIAA and license from the competent authorities.

All the Deputy Commissioners, Superintendent of Police and Mining Authorities of all the respective States are directed to ensure compliance of these directions.

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