

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL  
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

**Application No. 01/2012**

**Sanjay Agnihotri V/s Union of India & Ors.**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE U.D. SALVI, JUDICIAL MEMBER  
HON'BLE DR. G.K. PANDEY, EXPERT MEMBER  
HON'BLE MR. BIKRAM SINGH SAJWAN, EXPERT MEMBER**

**Present: Applicant / Appellant : Mr. Rahul Choudhary and Ms. Richa, Advs.  
Respondent No. 2 : Mr. Daleep Kr. Dhayani, Adv. for Mr.  
Pradeep Misra, Adv.  
Respondent No. 3 : Mr. N.K. Gupta, Sr. Env. Eng. CPCB  
Respondent No. 7 : Mr. Raman Yadav, Adv.**

	<b>Date and Remarks</b>	<b>Orders of the Tribunal</b>
	<b>Item No. 3 September 9, 2014</b>	<p>Heard. Perused.</p> <p>Learned Counsel appearing for the UP Pollution Control Board places on record progress report of action plan for NOIDA, UP. A copy of this report be furnished to the Central Pollution Control Board. The CPCB to comment on the said report.</p> <p>In the meanwhile, Mr. N.K. Gupta, Sr. Env. Eng., CPCB submits that there needs to be constant air quality monitoring done in NOIDA in order to keep eye on the pollution levels. He further submits that CPCB has issued directions to the UP Pollution Control Board in the last week of June 2014 directing the installation of automatic monitoring stations - two for air and two for water - in addition to the manual stations within the limits of NOIDA by June 2015. He further submits that the finances for installation of these units are to be raised by the UP Pollution Control Board by applying 'polluter pays' principle.</p> <p>Learned Counsel appearing for the UP Pollution Control Board submits that there has been improvement in overall CEPI score from 80 to 78 and as regards the air pollution index is concerned, the marker index has gone down from 73 to 50 between 2011 and 2013. However, he submits that the UP PCB</p>

would be interested in installation of automatic monitoring stations as suggested by the CPCB and he would be taking instructions in that regard. He further submits that there has been only 18 industries which are presently using coal, pet-coke and wood as a fuel for their industries and steps have been taken to switch over from such fuels to cleaner fuel like PNG/CNG.

However, we feel that the use of wood as a fuel should be dis-continued forthwith. Learned Counsel appearing for the UPPCB submits that steps would be taken to stop use of wood as a fuel in industries forthwith.

Learned Counsel appearing for the UPPCB seeks time for giving its response as to the installation of the automatic monitoring stations as well as possibilities of use of smokeless stacks for the industries and switch over to the technology offering zero discharge of liquid effluent by the industries.

Mr. N.K. Gupta, Sr. Env. Eng., CPCB makes a statement that air monitoring would be carried out within the limits of NOIDA as well as in adjoining areas particularly with reference to the lead content in the area in the first week of October 2014.

List the matter on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2014.

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