

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH**

(By Video Conferencing)

Original Application No.481/2022

Joginder Singh Thakur

...Applicant

Versus

U.T. of Jammu & Kashmir

...Respondent

Date of hearing: 19.10.2022

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant: None.

Application is registered based on a complaint received by Post.

ORDER

1. Mr. Joginder Singh Thakur, Advocate, High Court of Jammu and Kashmir, Jammu has addressed a representation to the Additional Commissioner, Bhandarwa in Chenab Valley seeking ban of single use of plastic in religious places of Bhandarwah and has sent a copy thereof to this Tribunal by way of post, which has been treated and registered as an original application.

2. Vide order dated 12.08.2022, this Tribunal constituted a Joint Committee and directed the same to submit factual and action taken report within two months.

3. The report of the Joint Committee has been filed by Mr. K. Ramesh Kumar, IFS, Member Secretary, JKPCC vide letter dated 15.10.2022 through email dated 16.10.2022.

4. In view of the observations/recommendations in the report of the Joint Committee, we consider it appropriate to have response of (1) Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir through Chief Secretary, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, (2) Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Jammu and Kashmir, (3) Municipal Committee, Bhaderwah (4) Bhaderwah Development Authority, (5) State PCB, and (6) the District Magistrate, Doda, who stand impleaded as respondents No. 1 to 6. The Registry is directed to prepare and attach memo of parties to the application and issue notices to respondents No. 1 to 6 requiring them to file their reply/response within two months at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Supported PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

5. List the matter for further consideration on 06.02.2023.

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

October 19, 2022
AG