

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

Original Application No. 76/2019

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Titled

"17-year-old's video gets Kerala talking of impact of sand mining"

Date of hearing: 29.03.2019

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADARSH KUMAR GOEL, CHAIRPERSON  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. RAMAKRISHNAN, JUDICIAL MEMBER  
HON'BLE DR. NAGIN NANDA, EXPERT MEMBER**

For Applicant(s):

For Respondent (s):

Mr. Nishe Rajen Shonker, Advocate for State of Kerala  
Mr. Jogy Scaria, Advocate for KSPCB

**ORDER**

Issue for consideration is the alleged unscientific mining by Centre Rare Earths Limited and Kerala Minerals and Metal Limited along the coastal area of Kollam in Kerala.

Vide order dated 16.01.2019, a report was sought from the District Magistrate, Kollam and the Kerala State Pollution Control Board (State PCB).

A report has been filed on 23.01.2019 by the State PCB stating that the matter of coastal erosion and measures for sustainable mining are being studied by National Centre for Earth Science Studies (NCESS).

Let further action be taken in light of the report received from NCESS and a fresh report filed by the State PCB on the subject of illegal mining, sea erosion and remedial steps taken within two months by e-mail at [ngt.filing@gmail.com](mailto:ngt.filing@gmail.com).

List for further consideration on 19.07.2019.

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