

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

Original Application No.683/2023

In re: Ganga Heritage titled **“Residential Plots in Haridwar, few steps from Ganga River”**

Date of hearing: 07.11.2023

**CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON  
HON’BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

**ORDER**

1. This original application is registered *suo motu* on the basis of the advertisement titled **“Residential Plots with Private Ganga Ghat Starts 25 Lakhs | NH 34 – 5 minutes”**. The said advertisement reveals that residential plots are being cut in Haridwar on the bank of river Ganga in violation of the River Ganga Rejuvenation, Protection and Management Authorities Order, 2016 which prohibits construction in the riverbed.

2. Ganga Heritage advertisements dated 27.04.2023 and 30.10.2023 is for the residential plots with Private Ghats on NH 34 at the distance of 5 minutes from nearby Amatra Resort. It is suspected that these plots are being cut violating the environmental norms without proper permission.

3. The Tribunal has already entertained similar OA No. 102/2023 concerning alleged illegal construction at another location at Beliram Ashram, Kankhal, Haridwar, Uttarakhand wherein a joint Committee has been constituted.

4. The power of the Tribunal to take up the matter in *suo motu* has been recognized by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in the matter of

*“Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai vs. Ankita Sinha & Ors.”  
reported in 2021 SCC Online SC 897.*

5. Since the OA involves substantial issue relating to compliance of the environmental norms, therefore, we deem it proper to implead the following as respondents in the matter:

- i. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- ii. Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board.
- iii. Member Secretary, Uttarakhand Environment Protection and Pollution Control Board.
- iv. Member Secretary, National Mission for Clean Ganga.
- v. District Magistrate, Haridwar.
- vi. “Ganga Heritage” the Project Proponent, Haridwar

6. Let notice be issued to these respondents.

7. The District Magistrate, Haridwar is directed to carry out the spot inspection and file the status report on or before the next date of hearing by e-mail at [judicial-ngt@gov.in](mailto:judicial-ngt@gov.in) preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF. He is also directed to serve notice to the Project Proponent - Respondent No. vi.

8. List on 22.01.2024.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

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