

Item No. 02

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL  
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI  
(Through Video Conferencing)**

Original Application No. 92/2015(EZ)

Anil Kumar Singh

Applicant

Versus

Chief Secretary, Government of  
Jharkhand & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 15.10.2020

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S. P. WANGDI, JUDICIAL MEMBER  
HON'BLE DR. NAGIN NANDA, EXPERT MEMBER**

For Applicant(s): None

For Respondent(s): Ms. Aishwarya Rajyashree, Adv for  
Respondents No. 1 to 3, & 6  
Mr. Surendra Kumar, Adv for Respondents  
No. 4 & 5.

**ORDER**

1. By order dated 19.03.2020 and 26.08.2020, we had set out the entire records of the proceedings in relation to the case which was essentially mitigation of the pollution of Harmu at Ranchi, Jharkhand due to discharge of untreated sewage and waste water. On 26.08.2020 we had observed in view of the averments contained in paragraphs 4 to 10 of the affidavit filed by the Ranchi Municipal Corporation, all questions pertaining to projects relating to rejuvenation

and conservation of Harmu river appear to have been addressed. The tabular information *inter alia* revealed that works on as many as 9 STPs for treatment of sewage and waste water had been completed. This being most crucial factor for getting river Harmu made free of pollution and cleaned, we had, by order dated 26.08.2020, directed the State PCB to furnish information as to whether the discharge norms of the STPs were being maintained in accordance with the prescribed standards and also to furnish a report in respect of the quality of water of the river.

2. Affidavit filed by the State PCB in compliance of the above direction indicates that all parameters were being maintained except for BOD which was on the higher side. However, there is no information with regard to the quality of water of Harmu river which presumably may have been due to the report against BOD standards.
3. We, therefore, the State Pollution Control Board to take up this matter with the Ranchi Municipal Corporation monitor the performance of STPs to bring it within the prescribed standards of the parameters including BOD.
4. Since this is a matter that is required to be monitored by the State PCB being the competent regulatory authority, we

do not deem it necessary to keep this matter pending only for such residual work. We expect the State PCB and the Ranchi Municipal Corporation to act in accordance with law and remedy the situation at the earliest.

5. With the above directions, the O.A stands disposed off with no order as to cost.

S.P. Wangdi, JM

Dr. Nagin Nanda, EM

15<sup>th</sup> October, 2020  
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