

Item No. 2

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
CENTRAL ZONE BENCH, BHOPAL
(Through Video Conferencing)**

Original Application No.66/2024(CZ)

Prabhat Mohan Pandey

Applicant(s)

Vs

Union of India & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of Hearing: **20.03.2024**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEO KUMAR SINGH, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. A SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

For Applicant (s): Mr. Shivanshu Singh, Adv.

For Respondent(s):

ORDER

1. Issue raised in this application is violation of Madhya Pradesh Sand (Mining, Transportation, Storage and Trading) Rule, 2019 by auctioning the sand mining leases in District Harda (M.P.) in the submerged area throughout the year, which is alleged to be practically impossible to excavate the sand from any of these lease areas. There was no identification and location of the sand mines and no DSR is prepared to assess the environmental impact.
2. A substantial issue of environmental has been raised. Issue notice to the respondents. Returnable within four weeks.
3. Applicant is directed to take necessary steps for service to the respondents by both ways and also on available email.
4. Respondents are directed to submit their reply/counter affidavit through E-filing portal, preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF, before the next date of listing.
5. We deem it just and proper to call a report on the matter in issue, in present application, from a Joint Committee consisting of:
 - (i) One Representative from the Collector, District Harda (M.P.)

(ii) One Representative of Madhya Pradesh State Pollution Control Board, (M.P.)

6. The Committee is directed to submit the factual and action taken report within six weeks. The State PCB will be the nodal agency for coordination and logistic support.
7. Applicant is directed to supply the required documents and copy of the application to the committee and the respondents within a week and after compliance of service, the Applicant has to submit an affidavit that notices and copy of the application have been served upon the committee and respondents.
8. The report in the matter be filed by the Committee by email at ngtczbbho-mp@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

List it on **9th July, 2024.**

Sheo Kumar Singh, JM

Dr. A Senthil Vel, EM

20th March, 2024
O.A. No. 66 of 2024 (CZ)
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