

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

(By Video Conferencing)

Original Application No. 228/2022

In re: News item published in The Indian Express dated 19.03.2022 titled
“STP given nod to discharge treated sewage into Thol”

Date of hearing: 29.03.2022

**CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE ADARSH KUMAR GOEL, CHAIRPERSON
HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON’BLE PROF. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER
HON’BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

ORDER

1. Proceedings in this matter have been initiated on the basis of captioned media report¹ to the effect that the STP proposed to be set up in Kalol town of Gandhinagar District in Gujarat has been permitted to discharge treated waste water into a lake which is a protected wetland and also declared a Ramsar site of international importance. The lake is fresh water lake and if waste water is discharged therein, the eco-system of lake will suffer.

2. We are satisfied that the media report needs to be cross-checked and remedial action taken by a joint Committee comprising the CPCB, State PCB, the State Wetland Authority and the District Magistrates, Gandhinagar and Mehsana. Nodal agency will be the State PCB for coordination and compliance. The Committee may undertake visit to the site, ascertain facts, interact with the concerned stakeholders and furnish

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a factual and action taken report in the matter within two months by e-mail at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/ OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF. In particular, it may be specified whether treated sewage can be utilized for secondary purposes instead of being discharged into the wetland.

List for further consideration on 08.07.2022.

A copy of this order be forwarded to CPCB, State PCB, State Wetland Authority and the District Magistrates, Gandhinagar and Mehsana by email for compliance.

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