

Item No. 11

Court No. 1

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

Original Application No. 285/2023

Meghraj Singh

Applicant

Versus

State of Uttar Pradesh & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 06.11.2023

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant: Mr. Meghraj Singh, Applicant in Person

Respondent: Mr. Arvind Kumar, Adv. for UPPCB (Through VC)

ORDER

1. In this Original Application, the issue relating to encroachment and disappearance of the ponds in Kanpur Dehat District has been raised. As per the tabulated details disclosed in the OA, in the data based survey of 2011-12 regarding fisheries in District Kanpur, Dehat there were total 1975 ponds, which have been reduced to 880 number only, therefore, 1095 ponds have disappeared on account of encroachment, contamination of water etc.

2. The Tribunal by order dated 19.04.2023 had constituted a joint Committee and thereafter, the report of the joint Committee was considered in the order dated 20.07.2023. At that stage, the Counsel for the respondent had sought time to complete the process of identification and demarcation of ponds after post-monsoon and submit the report.

3. The report dated 06.11.2023 has been filed by District Magistrate, Kanpur Dehat disclosing that till the date of filing of the report, 6612 ponds were identified in the District Kanpur Dehat, in which a total of 6516 Unique ID and the latitude and longitude of 6516 ponds have been earmarked and the process of marking all the ponds could not be completed due to heavy rainfall in the area. Hence, further time has been prayed in this regard. As per report, qualitative monitoring of 1665 ponds in terms of DO and pH has been done but for completing that process also, further time has been prayed for. The report contains the remedial action plan for restoration of ponds in terms of maintaining water quality and restoring fisheries. The report further discloses that the demarcation of ponds in Kanpur Dehat region is complete. The mapping and geotagging of ponds is also complete.

4. Hence, the District Magistrate, Kanpur Dehat is directed to place on record in tabular chart form, the village-wise details of the ponds which have been demarcated, mapped and geotagged in Kanpur Dehat region including their total area and extent of area, if any, encroached. The District Magistrate is also directed to place on record, by way of separate tabulated chart, village-wise details of the ponds which are existing as per the Revenue record in Kanpur Dehat District.

5. Meanwhile, let the identification and demarcation process of ponds be completed within two months from today and a comprehensive report along with the two tabulated charts as directed above, be filed by the District Magistrate, Kanpur Dehat on or before the next date of hearing 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.

6. List this matter on 15.01.2024.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

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