

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

(By Video Conferencing)

Original Application No. 197/2020

Jagdish Chandra Pandey

Applicant(s)

Versus

State of Uttarakhand & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 11.09.2020

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

**ORDER**

1. Grievance in this application is against violation of environmental norms during construction of Kotila-Gawad-Suraikhet Motor Road in Tehsil Dwarahat, District Almora, Uttarakhand. It is alleged that large number of trees are being damaged during the construction of the road and in spite of complaints lodged with the authorities, no remedial action has been taken. The road is being constructed by the Uttarakhand Forest Development Corporation through M/s Kaira Construction Firm. The Applicant has relied upon photographs and copies of complaints.

2. In view of above, we direct that a joint factual and action taken report be furnished by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (HoFF), Uttarakhand and the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB). The PCCF (HoFF), Uttarakhand may nominate a two member team of officers not below the rank of Conservator of Forest. The PCCF (HoFF), Uttarakhand will be the nodal agency for coordination and compliance who may

furnish a report 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.

The applicant may furnish a set of papers to the PCCF (HoFF),  
Uttarakhand and the SPCB and file an affidavit of service within one  
week.

A copy of this order be forwarded to the PCCF (HoFF), Uttarakhand  
and the SPCB by e-mail for compliance.

List for further consideration on 08.12.2020.

In view of order on merits, I.A. 300/2020 for exemption from filing  
translations of the documents stands disposed of.

Adarsh Kumar Goel, CP

S. P. Wangdi, JM

Dr. Nagin Nanda, EM

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