

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

(By Video Conferencing)

Original Application No. 493/2022

In re: News item published in the Newspaper named, The Times of India dated 05.07.2022 titled **“Dead fish in Najafgarh drain, pollution could be to blame”**

Date of hearing: 11.07.2022

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

ORDER

1. Proceedings have been initiated *suo-moto* on the basis of captioned media report to the effect that large number of fish were found dead upstream Najafgarh drain due to excessive pollutants. Water samples were collected from the drain showing BOD level to be 76 mg/l against laid down standard of 30 mg/l. COD was 320 mg/l against laid down standard to 250 mg/l. Media report mentions that 100-150 fish were dead in the pond, 500 meters away from Najafgarh drain, as per information of the residents. Photographs shows large number of dead fish in the water of Najafgarh drain.

2. In view of above, we require a factual and action taken report from a joint Committee of CPCB, DPCC, DJB, Irrigation and Flood Control Department, Govt. of Delhi and District Magistrate, South West Delhi within one month 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.

List for further consideration on 12.09.2022.

A copy of this order be forwarded to CPCB, DPCC, DJB, Irrigation and Flood Control Department, Govt. of Delhi and District Magistrate, South West Delhi by email for compliance.

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