

Item No.3

(Court No. 2)

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPALBENCH**

(By Video Conferencing)

Original Application No. 172/2022

Jaswinder Singh

Applicant

Versus

State of Uttarakhand

Respondent

Date of hearing: 18.04.2022

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

Application is registered based on a complaint received by Post

ORDER

1. The grievance in this letter petition is against illegal mining which is being carried out by use of heavy machinery in private reserved forest land situated in village Rasool Pur Methi Beri, District Haridwar. About 1 km length of River Ramasan, a tributary of river Ganga, falls under the above said village surrounded by forest land of Rajaji National Park on one side of River and Khair and Sagon trees forest on the other. It is stated that illegal mining has caused big ditches in about 10 acres land of River which is already 20 feet deep from ground level. The illegal mining is being carried out in the above said village Khasra No. 1890 to lift 8000 m³ of minerals in view of River Training Policy prepared in the year 2018. The illegal mining which is being carried on within 2 kms from Rajaji National Park and is causing severe damage to biodiversity and environment of the sensitive area.

2. Having regard to the seriousness of the allegations, it appears necessary to ascertain the factual position in the matter through a Joint Committee of the State PCB, Divisional Forest Officer, Haridwar and District Magistrate, Haridwar. The State PCB will be the Nodal agency for coordination and compliance. The Joint Committee may meet within four weeks and undertake site visit and look into the grievance of the applicant. Factual and action taken report may be furnished 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.

List the matter for consideration on 07/07/2022.

A copy of this order, along with a copy of the complaint, be forwarded to the State PCB, Divisional Forest Officer, Haridwar and District Magistrate, Haridwar by e-mail for compliance.

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

April 18, 2022
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