

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

(By Video Conferencing)

Original Application No. 179/2022

Vasu Singh

Applicant

Versus

State of Uttarakhand

Respondent

Date of hearing: 23.03.2022

**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
HON'BLE DR. VIJAY KULKARNI, EXPERT MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

ORDER

1. Grievance in this application is against dumping of toxic and other solid waste near Mansa Devi Temple complex by shopkeepers in Rajaji Tiger Reserve area, Uttarakhand and failure of the concerned authorities of the Rajaji Tiger Reserve to take remedial action. As a result of such dumping, health of the animals and birds is adversely affected. There is a separate complaint about encroachment of 0.075 hectare land on the way to the channel gate of Satsang Bhawan of Mansa Devi Temple complex.

2. In the light of the above, we are of the view that the concerned authorities have to verify the facts and take remedial action to prevent encroachment as well as dumping of waste in the interest of environment and public health.

3. Accordingly, we direct a joint Committee comprising District Magistrate, Haridwar, State PCB, Director, Rajaji Tiger Reserve and

nominee of District Legal Services Authority, Haridwar to undertake a visit to the sites in question and take remedial action to prevent dumping of waste and removing encroachment, following due process of law. The said joint Committee may also ensure remedial action against encroachment of seasonal rivulets in the Rajaji Tiger Reserve, which dry during summer and violations of other environmental norms, such as dumping of waste. The Committee need not be limited to the violations alleged but may take note of any other non-compliances harming the National Park and remedy the same. The Director, Rajaji Tiger Reserve will be the nodal officer for coordination and compliance. An 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 for further consideration on 08.07.2022.

A copy of this order be forwarded to the District Magistrate, Haridwar, State PCB, Director, Rajaji Tiger Reserve and District Legal Services Authority, Haridwar by e-mail for compliance.

Adarsh Kumar Goel, CP

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Dr. Vijay Kulkarni, EM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

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