

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

(By Video Conferencing)

Original Application No. 739/2019

(With report dated 01.01.2020)

Lama Sushil Dewa

Applicant(s)

Versus

State of Himachal Pradesh

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 29.06.2020

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

ORDER

1. A factual report was sought from the District Magistrate, Mandi with reference to the allegation of absence of remedial measures to check pollution of Riwalsar lake in Distt. Mandi, Himachal Pradesh.

2. Accordingly, a report has been filed on 01.01.2020 by the ADM, Mandi, H.P stating *inter alia* as follows:

“As per the report received by SDO (C) Balh (enclosed as Annexure-I), it is submitted that surroundings of the lake are thoroughly cleaned everyday by Nagar Panchayat, Rewalsar. It is further submitted that drains have been constructed around the lake to prevent waste from entering the lake and these drains are also cleaned regularly by Nagar Panchayat Rewalsar.

*It is further submitted that hotels and houses/residential accommodation in Rewalsar have their own septic tanks. **However,***

a new sewerage network scheme worth Rs 1.5 crore has been sanctioned for the town and is currently being constructed by I&PH department. In addition, the septic tank of main Buddhist temple, managed by "Mahabudhi Niyangmapa Society Rewalsar" in ward No. 5 is quite far from the lake.

The Nagar Panchayat Rewalsar and local administration are making best efforts to keep Rewalsar Lake and its premises clean."

3. In view of the above, the authorities may continue efforts for protection of the lake in question.

The application is disposed of.

Adarsh Kumar Goel, CP

S. P. Wangdi, JM

Dr. Satyawan Singh Garbyal, EM

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