

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

(By Video Conferencing)

Original Application No. 192/2022

In re: News Item Published in The Shillong Times Dated: 23.02.2022
titled **“Poison flowing in Shillong’s rivers: Water quality index”**

Date of hearing: 28.04.2022

**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. The matter has been put up in view of captioned media report to the effect that the untreated sewage is directly being dumped into river Umshyrpi near Shillong Law College and river Wah Umkhrah at Demthring. Effluents are also discharged in river Lukha. On inspection, State PCB found the river water to have turned blue and also found river Lunar to be highly acidic. There are cement factories which are also source of pollution, apart from power plants, breweries and ferro-alloy companies.

2. We consider it appropriate to direct a joint Committee of CPCB, and State PCB to look into the alleged violations and take further action in accordance with law. The State PCB will be the nodal agency for compliance. The Committee will be free to interact with concerned authorities and stake holders. It may also consider the action plan prepared by the RRC for rejuvenation of Wah Umkhrah and Umshyrpi rivers and take further action in accordance with law.

3. An action taken report may be furnished to the Tribunal 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 29.07.2022.

A copy of this order along with media report be forwarded to CPCB and the State PCB for compliance.

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