

Item No. 01

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
CENTRAL ZONE BENCH, BHOPAL
(Through Video Conferencing)**

Original Application No.29/2024(CZ)

Suo Moto Action on News paper article published
in "Dainik Bhaskar Daily on 16.02.2024
regarding illegal Mining at Chitara Ghat of Shindh River"
in District- Shivpuri (M.P.)

Vs

State of Madhya Pradesh & Ors

...Suo Moto

Date of Hearing: **19. 02.2024**

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

For Applicant (s): None

For Respondent(s):

ORDER

1. The Danik Bhaskar Daily in the Article published on 16.02.2024 highlighted illegal mining at Chitraghat of Sindh River in Shivpuri District of Madhya Pradesh by use of local made submarine for excavating the sand from the main stream of the river, which is propelled by the diesel engine pumping set. Such machines sucks the instream water with the sand from mid /main stream of the river and throws it at a certain point throw pipes and the same is illegally transported for commercial purpose without any payment of revenue causing huge loss to the state exchequer and violation of environmental rules.
2. A substantial issue of environment has been raised. Issue notice to the respondents. Returnable within four weeks.
3. Registry is directed to issue the notice to the respondents.

4. Respondents are directed to submit their reply within Six weeks through E-filing portal, preferably in the form of searchable PDF/ OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.
5. It is appropriate to constitute a committee with the following persons :
 1. One representative from the Collector, Shivpuri (M.P.)
 2. One representative from the State Pollution Control Board(M.P.)
6. The Committee is directed to visit the place and submit the factual and action taken report within six weeks. The State PCB will be the nodal agency for coordination and logistic support.
7. The report in the matter be filed by the Committee through email at ngtczbbho-mp@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

List it on **19th April, 2024.**

Sheo Kumar Singh, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

19th February, 2024
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