

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

Original Application No.775/2017

Gaurav Kumar Bansal

Applicant(s)

Versus

State of Uttarakhand & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 27.02.2019

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAGHUVENDRA S. RATHORE, JUDICIAL MEMBER  
HON'BLE DR. SATYAWAN SINGH GARBYAL, EXPERT MEMBER**

For Applicant(s)

None present

For Respondent(s)

Mr. Rahul Verma, AAG for State of Uttarakhand & Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board  
Mr. Ravindra Kr. Gupta, Advocate for MoEF, R-5  
Mr. Krishna Kumar Singh, Advocate for R-6, NBA  
Mr. Attin Shankar Rastogi and Mr. Prateek Yadav, Advocates for R-1 & 2

**ORDER**

The matter is taken up in the second round but no one has appeared on behalf of the applicant.

Affidavit filed by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) on 14.05.2018 is on record wherein it has been submitted that their patrolling /survey team had managed to bring a young bharal (Himalayan Blue Sheep) having symptoms of eye infection for medical examination and for further medication on 16.09.2017. Subsequently, teams of WII and

Uttarakhand Forest Department had been constantly monitoring the bharal and they did not observe such infections in other parts of the Kedartal area of Gangotri National Park. It had further been submitted that an action plan was developed jointly by the Uttarakhand Forest Department and WII.

Thereafter, action status report was filed on 09.08.2018 which enumerates action taken by the Uttarakhand Forest Department to address the infections in the eyes of bharals in Gangotri National Park. It was submitted that during the surveys done in the ranges of Badahat, Mukhem, Taknor and Gangotri, four fit and healthy bharals were seen grazing. During two months of January and February, 2018 in 124 observations no bharals were found having any symptoms of infected eyes. It has further been submitted that due to heavy snow, no survey could be done in March and April, 2018, however, in the month of May, 2018 and June, 2018 a total of 305 and 218 bharals were observed respectively but no eye infection was seen. All the observed bharals were found grazing and healthy.

In the status report filed by Respondent Nos. 1 to 4 on 15.12.2018, it has been submitted that during surveys conducted on 19.10.2018, 29.10.2018, 30.10.2018, 14.11.2018, 15.11.2018, 25.11.2018 and 29.11.2018 in Nelong, Bhujkhark, Gangotri-Gaumukh, Chirbasa, Humkia

Nala, Hindolia Gaad and Kedar Khark in Gangotri National Park a total of 154 bharals were sighted and none of them had eye infections.

It has also been mentioned that WII have also conducted surveys between 24.10.2018 to 09.12.2018 and have visited different areas namely Gangotri-Gaumukh, Nelong, Kedartal, Radragaira, Srikanth, Chaurgaad and Gidara and the team had spotted 196 health bharals and no cases of infected individuals were reported.

In view of the above, nothing further remains to be adjudicated in this matter. Therefore, Original Application No. 775 of 2017 stands disposed of, with no order as to cost.

Raghuvendra S. Rathore, JM

Dr. Satyawar Singh Garbyal, EM

February 27, 2019  
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