

Subject: Regarding the order of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal Principal Bench passed in O.A No.378 of 2022 titled as Sahil Garg Vs. State of Punjab.

Hon'ble NGT on O.A No. 378 of 2022 titled as Sahil Garg Vs State of Punjab has passed order dated 05.07.2022, wherein it has directed as under:

- The grievance in this letter petition sent by Mr. Sahil garg resident of H.No. 1918 Phase-10, Mohali which is treated and registered as original application, is regarding concretization of open spaced, on the pretext of parking area requirement and road sides, in the name of pedestrian path, right upto the neck of existing trees and non-implementation of any plantation program for developing green belt in open spaces and along the road side.
- A joint committee comprising of Principal Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Govt. of Punjab, Principal Chief Conservator of forests, Govt. of Punjab, State PCB and Deputy Commissioner, Mohali is hereby constituted. The committee shall meet within four weeks, undertake site visits, look into the grievances of the applicant and take requisite action by following due process of law. The joint committee may, besides taking into consideration judgment/directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court and this Tribunal, also consider the following aspects while submitting the factual and action taken report:
 - i. Use of perforated tiles permitting percolation of water for boosting ground water.
 - ii. landscaping of open spaces and road side and developing greenbelt along the road side with avenue plantation of native species
 - iii. De-concretization of standing trees with proper space for proper rooting and growth of the tree.

Further, the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal vide order dated 12.10.2022 has said committee to submit a report within one month. PPCB vide letter no.380 dated 15.11.2022 has constitute a district level committee of following members under the Chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (UD) SAS Nagar to comply with the NGT orders:-


- Sub-Divisional Magistrate, SAS Nagar
- Divisional Forest Officer, SAS Nagar
- Superintending Engineer Municipal Corporation, SAS Nagar
- Representative of GMADA.
- Environmental Engineer, PPCB, SAS Nagar

The petitioner in the complaint was visited by committee members on dt 17.11.2022 and it was informed by Mr. Sahil Garg that the width of the pavement tiles in the city of SAS Nagar should be reduced and the kacha areas and berms should be cleaned, instead of laying tiles on them. The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal has given the following suggestions and the proposal of MC SAS Nagar(Mohali) and GMADA to with the suggestion is as under:


Sr.No.	Suggestion	Proposal
1	Use of perforated tiles permitting percolation of water for boosting ground water.	Proposals for installing perforated tiles in place of interlocking tiles will be prepared and sent to the house of Municipal Corporation and GMADA and only perforated tiles will be used in future.
2	landscaping of open spaces and road side and developing greenbelt along the road side with avenue plantation of native species	Under the Government's Nanak Bagichi Scheme, 4000 saplings have been planted in the city in the year 2022-23 in planting season by the Municipal Corporation and GMADA and in the last 3 years about 13000 saplings have been planted and development of green belts will continue in future also.
3	De-concretization of standing trees with proper space for proper rooting and growth of the tree.	As per the guidelines of Hon'ble NGT proper space is kept around the trees and out of 40925 trees in the city about 29006 trees were already de-concretize, out of remaining 11919 trees 4979 trees have been de-concretize and work of deconcretization of remaining 6940 trees is going on at war level. According to which the work of de-concretization of about 80% trees has been completed and the remaining work will be completed within the next one month.


It is to be mentioned here that the Municipal Corporation and GMADA will take the following measures in the future.


- In place of interlocking tiles, steps will be taken to install perforated tiles.
- New saplings will be planted in the city from time to time during the planting season by the Municipal Corporation and GMADA and proper space will be kept around the trees.
- Along with this, care will be taken regarding the work of De-concretization and the instructions issued by the Hon'ble NGT from time to time will be strictly followed.


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