

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

(By Video Conferencing)

Original Application No. 233/2020

Mahesh Chandra Saxena

Applicant

Versus

Govt. of NCT of Delhi & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 02.11.2020

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADARSH KUMAR GOEL, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEO KUMAR SINGH, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. SATYAWAN SINGH GARBYAL, EXPERT MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. NAGIN NANDA, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant: Mr. Mahesh Chandra Saxena, Applicant in person

ORDER

1. This application seeks injunction against construction of drains in place of sewer lines at Chhatarpur Enclave, New Delhi. It is stated that there are 1700 unauthorised colonies in Delhi wherein the drains, septic tanks and soak pits are constructed. This is a source of pollution of ground water. Rain water harvesting systems were to be constructed for which directions have been issued by this Tribunal but it is not being done. The result is that the rain water is mixing in the waste water. Chhatapur Enclave colony is a big colony. Delhi Government has started construction of drains instead of providing for pipelines for collection of sewage. Drinking water pipelines are passing through the drains. On account of open drains, there are bacteria and mosquitos and sometimes sewage enters the houses. Waste water from septic tanks is being discharged into the ground water.

2. In pursuance of order of this Tribunal dated 06.07.2020 in *O.A. No. 06/2012, Manoj Mishra v. UOI & Ors.*, Integrated Drain Management Cell (IDMC) has been set up under the Chief Secretary, Delhi to oversee maintenance of drains and allied issues.

3. We are of the view that issue raised in the application needs to be considered by the said IDMA in the first instance. We order accordingly.

A copy of this order along with application be forwarded to Member Secretary, IDMC i.e. CEO, DJB for appropriate consideration and action in accordance with law.

The application is disposed of.

Adarsh Kumar Goel, CP

S.K. Singh, JM

Dr. S.S. Garbyal, EM

Dr. Nagin Nanda, EM

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