

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

Original Application No. 447/2023

In re : News item published in The Times of India dated 02.07.2023 titled  
**“2 workers killed in factory blast in residential area”**

Date of hearing: 16.10.2023

**CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON  
HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL, JUDICIAL MEMBER  
HON’BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

**ORDER**

1. The original application involves the issue of death of two factory workers and injuries to two others in an explosion in a compressor at a plastic molding factory in Delhi’s Gokulpuri area.

2. Status report on behalf of the Delhi Pollution Control Committee has been filed which confirms the newspaper report about death of two persons and injury to other persons in the compressor explosion at a plastic molding factory in Gokulpuri. The report does not reflect that any compensation has been paid to the deceased as well as the injured person. With regard to closure of the illegal units from the residential/nonconforming areas, Hon’ble Supreme Court has passed an order on 07.05.2004 in WP(C) No. 4677 of 1985 titled as “M.C. Mehta Vs. Union of India & Others”. As per the order, all industrial units that have come up in residential/non-conforming areas in Delhi on or after 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1990 shall close down.

3. Hence, at this stage, we deem it proper to issue notices to the followings:-

- (i) Secretary, Environment, NCT of Delhi;
- (ii) Member Secretary, Delhi Pollution Control Committee;

- (iii) District Magistrate, East Delhi;
- (iv) Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Delhi;
- (v) Sh. Naresh Kumar Sharma, Khasra No.267, Gali No. 3/22,  
near Metro Pillar No.5, Village Gokulpur, Delhi-110094; and
- (vi) Sh. Yadav, Khasra No.267, Gali No. 3/22, near Metro Pillar  
No.5, Village Gokulpur, Delhi-110094.

- 4. The Registry is directed to serve notice upon the above Respondents.
- 5. List the matter on 08.01.2024.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

October 16, 2023  
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