

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

Original Application No. 131/2024

News item titled "**Uttarakhand HC Licence expired why is floating hotel running?**" appearing in the Times of India dated 07.01.2024

Date of hearing: 12.02.2024

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON  
HON'BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

Respondent: Mr. Kaushal Gautam, AAG for the State of Uttarakhand

**ORDER**

1. This Original Application has been registered *suo-moto* on the basis of the news item titled "Uttarakhand HC License expired why is floating hotel running?" appearing in Times of India dated 07.01.2024.
2. News item reveals that a floating hotel in Tehri Lake is operating for tourism though its license has expired and the said hotel and hut owners are causing pollution in River Ganga.
3. As per the said news item, floating restaurants is serving non-vegetarian food and dumping waste in River Ganga.
4. Learned AAG appearing for State of Uttarakhand has informed that on the same issue WP(PIL) No. 229/2023 is pending before the Uttarakhand High Court and in that pending PIL, Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board has already filed the reply and the issue is being considered by High Court of Uttarakhand.

5. On the same issue, PIL has been entertained and High Court is examining the matter, therefore, in order to avoid parallel proceedings, we do not intend to proceed further in this original application.

6. However, it requires consideration by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) if such an activity is permissible under River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016, as amended vide River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities (Amendment) Order 2024 vide notification dated 10.01.2024 and to take appropriate action.

7. NMCG is directed to examine this issue and submit the report before Registrar General of this Tribunal within two months by e-mail at [judicial-ngt@gov.in](mailto:judicial-ngt@gov.in) preferably in the form of searchable PDF/ OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF and if found necessary, matter will be listed for consideration to examine the said limited issue.

8. Original application is accordingly disposed of.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

February 12, 2024  
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