

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

Original Application No. 334/2018

Rajesh Kumar

Applicant(s)

Versus

State of Himachal Pradesh &Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 18.11.2019

**CORAM:**

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

For Applicant(s)

Mr. Aditya Dhawan and Ms.  
Kiran Dhawan, Advocates

For Respondent(s)

Mr. Manish Kumar, Advocate  
Mr. Rajendra Beniwal, Advocate  
Mr. Divya Prakash Pande,  
Advocate

**ORDER**

In this case the primary issue now left is with regard to expenses incurred in restoring the site and to ascertain damage caused to the environment due to destruction of Khasra No. 494 which is a forest land.

Now, we have before us the report submitted by the District Forest Officer, Mandi, wherein he has categorically stated that restoration work has been completed after spending of Rs.2,22572/-. The extract of the report of the District Forest Officer, Mandi as follows:

“That the Khasra No. 494 restored to its original form. The photographs of site are taken before, during and after the restoration of which are

enclosed as annexure-R-II. The expenditure incurred on the restoration of the site duly prepared and verified by the HPPWD authorities is Rs. 2,22,572/- lacs (Two lacs twenty two thousand five hundred seventy two only). Copy of which is enclosed as annexure R-III. The local representatives i.e. Panchayat Pradhan, Gram Panchayat Kotadhar, visited the site on dated 09-11-2019 along with forest officials and verified that the site has been restored to its original form, (Copy enclosed as annexure-R-IV).”

In view of the above, we now direct the District Forest Officer, Mandi to recover a total amount of Rs. 5 lacs which shall include the expenditure incurred for the purpose of restoration and environmental compensation from the defaulting parties, within a period of two weeks from today. He shall thereafter submit a report to the Tribunal in respect of compliance of this order.

Accordingly, the original application (334/2018) stands disposed of, with no order as to cost.

Justice Raghuvendra S. Rathore, JM

Dr.Satyawan Singh Garbyal, EM

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