

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

(By Video Conferencing)

Original Application No. 303/2022

In re: News item published in The Times of India dated 26.04.2022 titled  
**“Haryana: Massive Fire at garbage mound in Manesar, 2 dead”**

Date of hearing: 28.04.2022

**CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE ADARSH KUMAR GOEL, CHAIRPERSON  
HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL, JUDICIAL MEMBER  
HON’BLE PROF. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

**ORDER**

1. Proceedings have been initiated in this matter in the light of captioned media report of death of two persons and injuries to two others in a fire in the garbage mound spread over 25 acres of land at Manesar, District Gurugram, Haryana. Prima-facie it appears that there is failure to comply with the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 which have specified a timeline for disposal of the legacy waste. The Authorities in the State of Haryana are, thus, accountable for the consequences of such statutory failure by way of compensation to the heirs of the deceased and also to prevent such occurrences in future. The State Authorities are also required to comply with the rules for remediation of legacy waste and also processing of current waste by preparing an action plan.

2. We note that similar incidents are taking place at several places. The Tribunal has dealt with similar incidents of fire at Ludhiana and Delhi vide orders dated 21.04.2022 in OA No. 286/2022, *In re: News item published in The Indian Express dated 20th April, 2022,*

***titled “7 Charred to death in fire near Ludhiana dumpsite”, dated 22.04.2022 in OA No. 288/2022, In re: News item published in The Times of India dated 22nd April, 2022, titled “Delhi: Another long-drawn effort to douse fire at Ghazipur landfill” and dated 27.04.2022 in OA No. 300/2022, In re : News item published in News 18 dated 26.04.2022 titled “Delhi: Massive Fire at Bhalswa Dump Yard, Fourth This Year; 13 Fire Tenders on Spot”.***

3. We find it necessary to ascertain the factual position with regard to the cause of death, persons responsible for failure and remedial measures adopted or proposed. Let the Chief Secretary, Haryana furnish a report to this Tribunal in this regard.

4. We also request the Monitoring Committee constituted by this Tribunal headed by Justice Pritam Pal, former Judge of Punjab and Haryana High Court to monitor execution of certain orders of this Tribunal in Haryana. The Committee may undertake visit to the site, interact with the stakeholders and give its factual report with recommendations for future course of action. The Committee may be assisted by CPCB, State PCB, Haryana State Disaster Management Authority, District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police, Gurugram. Haryana State PCB will be nodal agency for coordination and compliance. The report may be filed within one month 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. The Committee may also give a copy of its report to the Chief Secretary, Haryana for his response.

List for further consideration on 30.05.2022.

A copy of this order be forwarded to Chief Secretary, Haryana, Justice Pritam Pal, former Judge of Punjab and Haryana High Court, CPCB, State PCB, Haryana State Disaster Management Authority, District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police, Gurugram by e-mail for compliance.

Adarsh Kumar Goel, CP

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

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