

Item Nos. 10 & 11

Court No. 1

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

Original Application No. 289/2023

Lt. Col Jasjit Singh Gill

Applicant

Versus

State of Punjab

Respondent

WITH

Execution Application No. 33/2023

In

Original Application No. 465/2019

Kulwinder Singh Sandhu & Ors.

Applicant(s)

Versus

Ram Murti & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 05.04.2024

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

Applicant(s): Mr. Adhirath Singh & Mr. Aditya Varun, Advs. for Applicant in E.A
33/2023

Respondent(s): Mr. Anurag Verma, Chief Secretary, State of Punjab (Through VC)
Ms. Sakshi Sawhney, Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana (Through VC)
Mr. Kuldeep Chahal, Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana (Through VC)
Mr. Sandeep Rishi, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana
(Through VC)
Mr. Gurindar Singh Majithia, Member Secretary, Punjab PCB (Through
VC)
Mr. A.R. Takkar, Ms. Unnati Anand, Mr. Manan Takkar & Ms. Bhargava
Ravi Kumar, Advs. for the State of Punjab in OA 289/2023
Mr. Naginder Benipal (Through VC) & Mr. Ankit Siwach, Advs. for MC,
Ludhiana & Punjab PCB
Ms. Manpreet Kaur, AAG for the State of Punjab in E.A No. 33/2023
Mr. Vikrant N. Goyal, Adv. for CPCB in E.A No. 33/2023 (Through VC)

ORDER

1. In these Original Application, the issue of running of five hadda roddis in the close vicinity of river Sutlej as also the issue of making the carcass plant set up at Ludhiana, operational is involved. So far as the

first issue relating to five hadda roddis is concerned, the action taken report filed by the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana on 02.04.2024 discloses that all the five illegal hadda roddis were ordered to stop their illegal operations and disposal of carcasses into Sutlej and the hadda roddis on the bank of Sutlej river have stopped the operation and no disposal of carcass being done in the Sutlej river. The report further reveals that notices to recover EC of Rs. 2,28,12000/- have been issued from each of the five hadda roddis and the recovery amount has been declared as arrear of land revenue vide letter dated 07.02.2024. It further states that by way of abundant caution, the Deputy Commissioner has directed PPCB, Commissioner of Police and SDM Ludhiana West to ensure regular checking so that no illegal operation of hadda roddis takes place in violation of the order of the DM.

2. So far as the operation of the modern carcass plant, set up at Ludhiana is concerned, the report states that though the efforts were made, but due to resistance by the local villagers, the plant could run only for a brief period of 10 days from 15.01.2024 to 25.01.2024 and that FIRs have been registered against the agitators and the agitation by the local villagers is on account of the fact that they have visited the existing carcass disposal plant at Keru Jodhpur and found the sufferings of the nearby villagers. The stand taken in the report of the DC is that the present plant at Ludhiana is a modern plant and the problems being faced by the residents near the Jodhpur plant will not be faced by the residents/villagers near the Ludhiana plant and a comparison of both the plants has been given at Page 312.

3. In terms of the previous direction of the Tribunal, Chief Secretary, State of Punjab along with Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana; Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana; Commissioner Municipal Corporation,

and Member Secretary, PPCB are present virtually and they have assured that all possible efforts will be made to make the plant at Ludhiana operational within two months after the forthcoming parliamentary elections.

4. At the request of the Learned Counsel for State of Punjab, the case is adjourned to 20.08.2024.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

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