

Item No. 03

Court No. 1

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

(By Video Conferencing)

Original Application No. 159/2020

Ram Singh & Ors.

Applicant(s)

Versus

Union of India & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 14.08.2020

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADARSH KUMAR GOEL, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S. P. WANGDI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. NAGIN NANDA, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant(s): Ms. Pallavi Singh, Advocate

ORDER

1. Grievance in this application is that illegal mining and stone crushing was taking place in Block Majri situated in S.A.S Nagar, District Mohali, Punjab. The applicants earlier filed *O.A No. 383/2019, Ram Singh & Ors. v. Union of India & Ors.* The Tribunal constituted a joint Committee comprising of the CPCB, State PCB and the Deputy Commissioner, Mohali for furnishing a factual and action taken report vide order dated 23.04.2019. Accordingly, the joint Committee submitted its report dated 21.06.2019 to the effect that illegal mining had stopped. In view of the said report, the Tribunal vide order dated 26.07.2019, disposed of the application. However, thereafter, the applicants found that illegal activities had resumed and no action was being taken. The illegal mining is duly captured in CCTV footage in the area. The applicants were

informed that penalty was imposed for such illegal mining as per information under the RTI dated 23.09.2019. The applicants made representations to the concerned authorities, including the Mining Department and the local Police but no action has been taken. The applicants have also relied upon newspaper reports that illegal mining was taking place and FIR dated 12.06.2020, reporting attacks on villagers opposing illegal mining. Applicants have also filed photographs in support of the averments.

2. In view of the above, we find it necessary to require a factual and action taken report from a joint Committee of CPCB, SEIAA, Punjab, Punjab State PCB and the jurisdictional Divisional Commissioner within two months by email at mail at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/ OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF. The Punjab State PCB will be the nodal agency for coordination and compliance.

The applicant may serve a set of papers on the CPCB, SEIAA, Punjab, Punjab State PCB and the jurisdictional Divisional Commissioner and file affidavit of service within two weeks.

A copy of this order be forwarded to the CPCB, SEIAA, Punjab, Punjab State PCB and the jurisdictional Divisional Commissioner by email for compliance.

List for further consideration on 20.11.2020.

Adarsh Kumar Goel, CP

S. P. Wangdi, JM

August 14, 2020
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Dr. Nagin Nanda, EM