

Item No.02

(Court No. 2)

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH**

(By Video Conferencing)
Original Application No.176/2022

Aman Chaudhary

...Applicant

Versus

Union of India & Ors

....Respondents

Date of hearing: 14.09.2022

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant: None.

Respondents: Mr. Somesh Chandra Jha, Advocate for respondent no. 1-
MoEF &CC.
Mr. Saurabh Balwani, Advocate for respondent no. 3
Mr. Daleep Dhyani, Advocate for respondent no. 4
UPPCB.
Mr. Amit Mishra, Regional Officer of UPPCB.
None for respondents No.2, 5and 6.

**Application under Sections 14,15 and 18 (1) of the National Green
Tribunal Act, 2010.**

ORDER

1. Grievance of the applicant is regarding illegal sand mining in the region of Kanpur and Unnao by Mr. Nagendra Singh (Respondent no. 2). It is also submitted that even an unauthorized bridge has been constructed in the middle of the River Ganga due to which the river has got divided into two Streams which can also prove to be hazardous to the residents of the nearby villages.

2. Vide order dated 07.03.2022, this Tribunal constituted a Joint Committee comprising of the State PCB, District Magistrate-Unnao and Kanpur City, Uttar Pradesh and directed the same to submit factual and action taken report within three months.
3. However, the report of the Joint Committee was not submitted within the stipulated time resulting in adjournment of the case. The report of the Joint Committee has been filed vide email dated 10.08.2022.
4. Vide order dated 16.08.2022 notices were ordered to be issued to respondents no. 1 to 6 and personal appearance of the Director, Directorate of Geology and Mining, Government of Uttar Pradesh and Regional Officer of the UPPCB was ordered. As per office report the respondents have been duly served.
5. None has appeared for respondent No. 2. None has appeared for respondent No. 6 also even though reply has been filed by respondent no. 6 vide email dated 13.09.2022.
6. Reply has also been filed by respondent no. 3 vide email dated 06.09.2022.
7. Request for one weeks adjournment has been made by the Director, Directorate of Geology and Mining, Government of Uttar Pradesh vide letter dated 05.09.2022.
8. One weeks' time is granted for filing of reply/response through email by and appearance through VC of the Director, Directorate of Geology and Mining, Government of Uttar Pradesh before this Tribunal.
9. Mr. Somesh Chandra Jha has appeared on behalf of respondent no. 1 and he also seeks time to file reply. Reply by respondent no. 1 be filed on or before the next date of hearing by e-mail at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Supported PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.
10. List for further consideration on 27.09.2022.

11. A copy of this order be sent to the Director, Directorate of Geology and Mining, Government of Uttar Pradesh by E-mail for requisite compliance.

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

September 14, 2022
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