

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

Original Application No. 541/2019
(I.A. No. 394/2019)

(With report dated 24.09.2019)

Jai Gopal Dhiman

Applicant(s)

Versus

Department of Agriculture & Farmer
Welfare, Govt. of Punjab & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 07.11.2019

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

For Applicant(s):

Ms. Cauveri Birbal, Advocate

ORDER

1. A report was sought from a four member Committee comprising Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Punjab State Pollution Control Board (PSPCB) and Scientist each named by Punjab and Haryana Agriculture Universities with reference to the allegation that preponing of paddy planation from 20th June to 13th June will lead to depletion of ground water level.

2. Accordingly, report has been filed on 24.09.2019 concluding as follows:

- “1. Availability of short duration varieties provides the means for availing water saving benefits of transportation from June 20th onwards.
2. Further, straw burning issue is also resolved due to availability of straw management technologies which

allows for retention/incorporation/removal of straw without resorting to burning.

3. *Thus, shifting of transplanting date to 20th June would help save groundwater resources and would not add to air pollution due to stubble burning.”*

3. Learned Counsel for the applicant points out that preponing the date will create more depletion of ground water. However, the fact remains that preponing the date will have more window for the next crop and help in the air quality.
4. In view of above, we do not find any ground to pass any further order.

The application is disposed of.

Adarsh Kumar Goel, CP

S.P Wangdi, JM

K. Ramakrishnan, JM

Dr. Nagin Nanda, EM

November 07, 2019
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