Item No. 06 Court No. 2

BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

Original Application No. 854/2022

Sudhir Joshi Applicant

Versus

State of Uttarakhand

Respondent

Date of hearing: 11.01.2023

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE PROF. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER

Application is registered based on a complaint received by post

ORDER

1. This original application has been registered under a letter petition

dated 08.07.2022 received from Mr. Sudhir Joshi, Adhayakasha, Jaiv

Vividha Prapandhan Samiti Gram Panchayal, Village Baagi, P.O.

Bhogpur, District Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

2. The complaint is that during construction of 12 Kms road from

Itharna to Kukhai, located in District Tehri-Garhwal and Dehradun,

construction waste (muck and debris) has been dumped in the forest area

damaging Banjh Tree Forest. The illegal and unscientific of debris

reaches down to river Jakhan which is a tributary to river Ganga and due

to continuous deposition of debris in river Jakhan, a temporary lake has

been formed near Shambhuwala village. The above activities are causing

huge damage to environment and hazards to public health in general in

the nearby areas.

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3. In our view, a substantial question relating to environment has

arisen due to implementation of scheduled enactments under NGT Act,

2010, but before taking any further action in the matter, we find it

appropriate to obtain a factual report and for the purpose we constitute a

Joint Committee comprising of Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board

(UKPCB), Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Dehradun and District

Magistrate, Dehradun (Uttarakhand). The Committee shall submit its

report within two months by email at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the

form of searchable PDF/OCR supported PDF and not in the form of

Image PDF. Nodal agency will be the District Magistrate, Dehradun,

Uttarakhand for coordination.

4. List the matter for further consideration on 21.03.2023.

5. A copy of this order along with copy of the complaint be forwarded

to the UKPCB, DFO, Dehradun and District Magistrate, Dehradun,

Uttarakhand by email for compliance.

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Prof. A. Senthil Vel, EM

January 11, 2023 AVT

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