Item No. 01 Court No. 2

BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

Original Application No. 892/2022

Prem Mohan Gaur

Applicant

Versus

National Highway Authority of India & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 11.01.2023

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

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

Applicant: Ms. Suruchi Mittal, Advocate

ORDER

1. This original application under Sections 14 and 15 of National Green

Tribunal Act, 2010 (hereinafter referred to as 'NGT Act, 2010') has been

filed by sole applicant - Prem Mohan Gaur with prayer that respondents

be directed to remove construction of road raised on pond in Village Kiranj

and restore the pond to its original shape.

2. It is also alleged that in Hajipur woodlot forest land, lots of trees have

been illegally cut damaging environment and no action has been taken by

concerned authority, therefore, appropriate action be taken against

responsible respondents and environmental compensation be assessed

and recovered from them.

3. The applicant has said that construction of road is being carried out

by National Highway Authority of India (hereinafter referred to as 'NHAI')

and while constructing road in an elevated new National Highway-148NA

(DND-Faridabad Ballabgarh bypass to KMP interchange stretch of Delhi-

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Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway) which is connected to Gurugram canal,

the officials of NHAI have covered a pond, notified under Haryana Pond

Waste Water Management Authority Act, 2018, and have also caused

illegal cutting of trees in the forest area in violation of Forest (Conservation)

Act, 1980 in village Hazipur, Gurugram which falls under Social Forestry

scheme of Forest Department, Haryana.

4. In our view, a substantial question relating to environment for

implementation of the scheduled enactments under NGT Act, 2010 has

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

appropriate to obtain a factual report from concerned authorities, for which

purpose, we constitute a joint Committee comprising State PCB, PCCF,

Gurugram and District Magistrate, Gurugram who shall visit the site,

collect relevant information and submit a detailed factual report beside

action taken, if any, within two months by e-mail at judicial-

ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/ OCR Support PDF

and not in the form of Image PDF.

5. District Magistrate, Gurugram will be nodal agency for coordination

and compliance.

6. List for further consideration on 17.03.2023.

7. A copy of this order, alongwith copy of complaint, be forwarded to

State PCB, PCCF, Gurugram and District Magistrate, Gurugram by e-mail

for compliance.

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Prof. A. Senthil Vel, EM

January 11, 2023

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