

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

(By Video Conferencing)

M.A. No. 152/2019

IN

Original Application No. 516/2015

(With report dated 20.07.2020)

RELA & Anr. Applicant(s)

Versus

State of Andhra & Ors. Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 24.08.2020

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

Applicant(s): Mr. Sravan Kumar, Advocate

Respondent(s): Mr. Dhananjay Baijal, Advocate for TSPCB
Mr. Raj Kumar, Advocate for CPCB

ORDER

1. The issue for consideration is whether what is termed as 'dredging' in Godavari -Krishna river beds and its tributaries in the State of Telangana by the State Authorities is illegal mining, as alleged by the applicant.

2. The matter was last considered on 14.02.2020 in the light of earlier proceedings and joint inspection report filed by the CPCB, apart other material, the Tribunal observed:-

"7. The above reports need to be independently evaluated and validated in view of conflicting versions. For this purpose, we constitute an Expert Committee comprising Members of Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) on the subject of the MoEF&CC,

nominees of the CPCB, IIT Roorkee, and the Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad. The nodal agency will be the CPCB for coordination and compliance. The Committee will be entitled to seek assistance from any other expert or agency. The State PCB may also render such assistance as may be sought. The applicants will be free to give their view point/submissions to the CPCB within two weeks. The CPCB will provide all documents to the members of the Committee.

8. *A copy of this order be sent to MoEF&CC, CPCB, IIT Roorkee, the Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad and the State PCB by e-mail for compliance. The report may be furnished within two months by e-mail at judicial-ngt@gov.in”*

3. Accordingly a status report has been filed by the CPCB on 20.07.2020 mentioning certain steps but finally seeking further time for submitting the report. Let such report be now submitted before the next date 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.

List again on 09.12.2020.

Adarsh Kumar Goel, CP

S. P. Wangdi, JM

Dr. Satyawan Singh Garbyal, EM

Dr. Nagin Nanda, EM

August 24, 2020
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