

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

Original Application No. 475/2019
(I.A. No. 341/2019)

Ajay Pandey & Ors.

Applicant(s)

Versus

Union of India & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 24.05.2019

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): Mr. Ajay Pandey, Advocate

For Respondent (s):

ORDER

1. Grievance in this application is against illegal sand mining taking place on the river bed between *Etawah* and *Jalaun* District including *Auraiya* District, Uttar Pradesh.
2. According to the applicants, illegal sand mining is taking place in the river *Yamuna* and its four tributaries namely *Chambal*, *Kwari*, *Sindh* and *Pahuj* which merge in *Yamuna* in the area called *Panchnad* by using JCB and other machines. Such illegal mining is causing damage to the ecology of the river and the aquatic life and also resulting in air pollution and violation of other environmental norms, adversely affecting the health of inhabitants of the area. Reliance has been placed on article titled 'Environmental Impact of River Bed Mining – A Review' published in International Journal of Scientific Research and Reviews, photographs and newspaper report dated

13.05.2019 published in Amar Ujala Kanpur Edition under the title 'Storage of Sand in Contravention of Rules'.

3. In view of above, we consider it necessary to require a joint report from the State Pollution Control Board and the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Uttar Pradesh. The report may be furnished within one month by e-mail at judicial-ngt@gov.in. The nodal agency will be the SEIAA for coordination and compliance.

A copy of the report may also be furnished to the applicant by email.

A copy of this order be sent to the SEIAA, UP by e-mail for compliance.

The applicant may furnish a complete set of papers to the SEIAA, UP and the SPCB with email i.d. and file affidavit of service within one week.

List for further consideration on 26.07.2019.

Adarsh Kumar Goel, CP

S.P. Wangdi, JM

K. Ramakrishnan, JM

Dr. Nagin Nanda, EM

May 24, 2019
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