

Item No. 04

Court No. 1

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

Original Application No. 756/2023

Sachin Tyagi & Ors.

Applicant(s)

Versus

Ritesh Sharma & Anr.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 04.01.2024

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON  
HON'BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

**ORDER**

1. This original application is registered on the basis of the letter petition sent by the villagers of village Hathwala, district Panipat, Haryana with the grievance that one contractor Mr. Ritesh Sharma and his colleague Kuldeep S/o Om Prakash resident of Bilaspur, District Panipat, Haryana along with the other persons had started illegal mining of sand from the bed of river Yamuna by using the JCB machines and dumpers. They had stocked the illegally mined sand in front of Gaon Garhi Kewal at Hathwala road. It is alleged that on account of the illegal mining the flow of river Yamuna was diverted towards village Hathwala, as a result of which the standing sugarcane crop was destroyed and the villagers had suffered the loss. Further allegation is that the illegal mining of sand from the river bed is still going on.

2. The letter petition raises substantial issue relating to the compliance of environmental laws.

3. Hence at this stage we deem it proper to form a joint committee comprising of the Member Secretary, Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB), the Chief Secretary, Department of Irrigation, State of Haryana and District Magistrate, Panipat. The District Magistrate will act as nodal agency. The joint committee will carry out the spot inspection, ascertain the extent of illegal mining done and the persons responsible for the same, the suggested remedial action and file the report atleast one week before the next date of hearing by email at [judicial-ngt@gov.in](mailto:judicial-ngt@gov.in) preferably in the form of searchable PDF/ OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

4. List on 04.03.2024

5. A copy of this order, along with a copy of the petition, be forwarded to the Member Secretary, HSPCB, Chief Secretary, Department of Irrigation, State of Haryana and District Magistrate, Panipat by e-mail for compliance.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

January 04, 2024  
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AS.