

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

(By Video Conferencing)

Original Application No.112/2022

Article Published in the magazine i.e Down to earth dated 13 January
2022 Under the Title **Time's running out : Is India ready to
handle 34,600 tonnes of Solar waste by 2030**

Date of hearing: 19.07.2022

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADARSH KUMAR GOEL, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE PROF. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

ORDER

1. Suo Motu cognizance has been taken by this Tribunal on an Article Published in 'Down to Earth' dated 13, January, 2022 under the title 'Times's running out; Is India ready to handle 34,000 tonnes of Solar Waste by 2030?' to the effect that India's ambitious solar target is 280 GW by 2030 and it is high time to formulate a sound solar waste management policy, whereas India does not have a solar waste management policy.

2. Vide order dated 14.02.2022, the Tribunal constituted a joint Committee of Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF & CC) and Secretary, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) to ascertain the position. It was directed that an action plan be prepared for environmentally sound management of solar panel waste in accordance with the laid down norms.

3. Accordingly, report dated 17.05.2022 has been filed by MoEF&CC mentioning the meeting held on 07.04.2022 and also annexing a copy of report of the Committee on Circular Economy in Solar Panels. The Report suggests an action plan with phase wise steps to enable environmentally sound management of solar panel waste.

4. In view of above, MoEF&CC may finalise further action in the matter expeditiously, preferably within two months.

The Application is disposed of.

A copy of this order be forwarded to the Secretary, MoEF&CC by email for compliance.

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