

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

**Original Application No. 835/2018**

**In the matter of :**

**News item published in "Indian Express" Authored by Mallica Joshi  
Titled**

**"All fiddle as crop stubble burns, farmers say solutions out of reach"**

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

	<b>Date and Remarks</b>	<b>Orders of the Tribunal</b>
	<b>Item No. 07</b>  <b>October 30, 2018</b>  <b>R</b>	<p>1. Proceedings have been initiated on the basis of news item dated 12.10.2018 in 'Indian Express' under the heading "All fiddle as crop stubble burns, farmers say solutions out of reach". Similar news items have also appeared in the same paper on 13.10.2018 under the headings "Why Farmers Say Cheaper to Pay Fine for Crop Burning" and "As crop burning begins, city could see another episode of bad air quality" as well as on 14.10.2018 under the heading "Air quality dips to 'poor' again, to get worse over next 2 days, says SAFAR".</p> <p>2. The subject matter of stubble burning in States of Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh has been a matter of serious concern on account of adverse impact on air quality and public health. This matter has been dealt with in several orders of this Tribunal including in <i>Original Application No. 666/2018 in Smt. Ganga Lalwani Vs. Union of India &amp; Ors.</i></p> <p>3. Having regard to magnitude of the problem, we are of the view that the Chief Secretaries of the States of Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh must monitor the situation on day-to-day basis and take appropriate</p>

	<p><b>Item No. 07</b></p> <p><b>October 30, 2018</b></p> <p><b>R</b></p>	<p>measures for improvement and protection of the air quality in the interest of public health and environment. Weekly reports be furnished to this Tribunal by e-mail at <a href="mailto:ngt.filing@gmail.com">ngt.filing@gmail.com</a> from 05.11.2018.</p> <p>4. Copies of this order be sent by e-mail to the concerned Chief Secretaries and also forthwith delivered to the Resident Commissioners of the respective States in Delhi for communication.</p> <p>5. List along with <i>Original Application No. 666/2018, Smt. Ganga Lalwani Vs. Union of India &amp; Ors.</i> on 12.11.2018.</p> <p>....., CP (Adarsh Kumar Goel)</p> <p>.....,JM (S.P. Wangdi)</p> <p>.....,EM (Dr. Nagin Nanda)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">30.10.2018</p>
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