

Item No. 02

(Court No.1)

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

(By Video Conferencing)

Original Application No. 136/2021

H. C. Arora

Applicant

Versus

State of Punjab & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 30.06.2021

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADARSH KUMAR GOEL, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M. SATHYANARAYANAN, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BRIJESH SETHI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. NAGIN NANDA, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant: Mr. H.C. Arora, Applicant in person

ORDER

1. Grievance in this application is against illegal cutting of 176 fully grown trees in Village Roshanpur, Block Bhunar Heri, District Patiala. The applicant has annexed photographs in support of the allegations and copies of representation made to the concerned Departments. Letter dated 20.05.2021 by the Divisional Forest Officer, Patiala mentioning the reserved price of the trees has also been annexed.

2. Undoubtedly, cutting of trees can be allowed only for some valid justification after requisite clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Such action adversely affects the environment. Thus, the grievance needs to be looked into and further remedial action taken by Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (HoFF), Punjab, in accordance with law. Ordered accordingly.

The application is disposed of.

A copy of this order be forwarded to PCCF (HoFF), Punjab by e-mail for compliance.

Adarsh Kumar Goel, CP

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

M. Sathyanarayanan, JM

Brijesh Sethi, JM

Dr. Nagin Nanda, EM

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