BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

M.A. No. 896 of 2013 & M.A. No. 1025 of 2013 In

Original Application No. 301 of 2013

Ram Babu Vs. Union of India & Ors.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE U.D. SALVI, JUDICIAL MEMBER HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. NAMBIAR, JUDICIAL MEMBER HON'BLE DR. D.K. AGRAWAL, EXPERT MEMBER HON'BLE DR. G.K. PANDEY, EXPERT MEMBER HON'BLE MR. RANJAN CHATTERJEE, EXPERT MEMBER

Present: Applicant: Mr. Raj Panjwani, Sr. Advocate along with Mr. Respondent No.1: Mr. Vikas Malhotra with Mr. M.P. Samay, Advocates Respondent No. 2, 3, 5 to 11: Ms. Savitri Pandey and Ms. Kavyanjali Chaturvedi, Advocates Respondent No. 4: Mr. Daleep Kr. Dhyani, Mr. Suraj Singh and Mr. Pradeep Misra, Advocates

Orders of the Tribunal

Item No. 6 December 18, 2013

Date and Remarks

Heard. Perused.

After long deliberations, sadly, the Learned Counsel appearing for the Respondent Nos. 2, 3, 5 to 11 could disclose that there is no Report in compliance of the Order dated 13th November, 2013 requiring the State of Uttar Pradesh to furnish details as to the number of cases registered of illegal mining with particular reference to the action taken in regard to the Report of the Forest Guard dated 19th October, 2013. At this juncture the Learned Counsel appearing for the Applicant points out Annexure-CA(3) to the Reply of the Respondent No. 11 tendered today before us. It is revealed that the Superintendent of Police, Hamirpur reported to the District Officer, Hamirpur one Mr. Devesh Kumar Pandey, Additional that Superintendent of Police, Hamirpur had carried out an enquiry in respect of the Report of Mr. Ram Naresh, the Forest Guard and the Forest Guard had merely sent the Application by post and failed to appear before the Station Officer, Jalaun. Nothing further has been disclosed as to the investigation/inquiry done regarding the facts asserted to by the Forest Guard in his Report.

Today another Application is being moved on behalf of the Applicant for action against the persons involved in willful violation of the Order dated 10th October, 2013 and 13th November, 2013. We find from the photographs and the documents annexed to the said Application that the mining of the sand is going on in full swing and there is material to suggest the transport of the mined sand by one Mr. Brijender Singh on, 21st October, 2013, 9th December, 2013 and 14th December, 2013.

The responses of the Respondent Nos. 6, 7 & 11 viz Affidavits dated 18th December, 2013 inform us about the instances of illegal sand mining. Annexure- CA(3) to the Affidavit of the Respondent No. 11 is the letter written by District Officer, Haryana to District Officer, Jalaun wherein the instances of illegal mining are quoted.

To shed light on the entire controversy, we feel the presence of Mr. Devesh Kumar Pandey, Additional Superintendent of Police, Hamirpur before us necessary on the next date of hearing. Let the State of Uttar Pradesh file a complete Report in total compliance of the Order dated 13th November, 2013 and furnish along with such report a list of sand miners who are carrying out sand mining authorisedly as well as the list of the persons who have been indulging in sand mining without EC's and NOC's from the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) but under the Orders of the Hon'ble High Court, if any, on the next date of hearing.

In the meanwhile, the Application moved for action against the Contemnor today be numbered and Notice of to this Application be issued to the non-Applicants therein and Mr. Brijender Singh-whose name figures in the Truck Receipts as well as to Mr. Sushil Yadav, Mr. Molu Yadav resident of Sushil Nagar, URAI, Mr. Papu Rajput s/o Mr. Veer Pale, Mr. Lodhi, resident of Semaria and Mr. Papu Yadav, resident of Patholi-whose name figures as persons dealing in illegal sand mining in newspaper Report in daily 'Aaj' at Annexure – A(6) to the M.A. No. 1025 OF 2013. Service of Notice is waived by the Applicant. The State to serve the Notices to these persons.

List the matter on 13th January, 2014.

....,JM (U.D. Salvi)

