

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

Original Application No. 169/2023
(By Video Conferencing)

Koyinni Venkanna

Applicant

Versus

State of Telangana

Respondent

Date of hearing: 24.05.2023

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

Application is registered based on a complaint received by post/e-mail

Applicant: Mr. Koyinni Venkanna, applicant in person

ORDER

1. This Original Application under Sections 14 and 15 of National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 has been registered on a letter petition dated 29.10.2022 received from Mr. Koyinni Venkanna, resident of H.No. 11-10740/20/2, G.N.L. Residency, Plot No. 601, Burhanpuram, District Khammam, State of Telangana.

2. The complaint is that huge quantity of soil has been illegally excavated by Mr. Ravella Ashok, Proprietor of M/s. Telangana Minerals. He was granted permission to excavate only 30730 cubic meter of soil in four hectares, in a period of five years, but not only he completed excavation of soil upto the permitted quantity, within three years i.e., before expiry of the lease period, but thereafter, continued with illegal

excavation, excavated more than 2 lakhs cubic meter of soil without permission of the concerned authorities. A complaint of this illegal mining was made to the Lokayukta, State of Telangana, who vide order dated 21.02.2022 imposed a fine of Rs. 16 Crores on Ravella Ashok but still illegal and unauthorized mining of soil is continuing.

3. As per the authorities, more than six lakhs cubic meter of soil has been excavated in the leased area under the permission granted for only four hectares in Koyachalaka Revenue Survey No. 192/1. Over 60 acres of land has been illegally mined, to a depth of a kilometer and still mining activities are continuing in Chintagurthi Revenue Survey No. 266/1 and 266/312 to 266/327.

4. Besides, illegal mining activities are also continuing in villages Nelakondapally mandal, Nachepalli Cheruvu, Madaram, Bodulabanda etc. and Chintakani Mandal, Proddaturu Revenue Survey No. 243 and 244.

5. In our view, the issue raised in the application, at the first instance, can be looked into by the local authorities and in this regard, we constitute a Joint Committee comprising Telangana Pollution Control Board, District Magistrate, Khammam and Director of Mines and Geology, Telangana who shall visit the site, collect relevant informations and if finds any violation, would take appropriate, remedial and preventive action including assessment of environmental damage if any, determination of environmental compensation and criminal prosecution etc., as the case may be, in accordance with law within two months.

6. Telangana PCB shall be the nodal agency for co-ordination and compliance of this order.

7. The copy of the action taken Report shall be filed by the said Committee before Registrar of Southern Zonal Bench at Chennai by e-mail at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/ OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF, who shall, if find necessary for any further order place the matter before the Bench.

8. Subject to above directions/observations, the application is disposed of.

9. A copy of this order be forwarded to Telangana PCB, District Magistrate, Khammam and Director of Mines and Geology, Telangana by e-mail for compliance.

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

May 24, 2023
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