

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

Original Application No.248/2022

News Item published in The Hindu dated 27 March 2022 titled "Digging up the Chambal"

Date of hearing: 05.11.2024

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

Respondent: Ms. Rukhmini Bobde, Mr. Amlaan Kumar & Ms. Soumya Priyadarshinee, Advs. for the State of Madhya Pradesh
Mr. Bhanwar Pal Singh Jadon & Ms. Gargi Chaturvedi, Advs. for the State of UP (Through VC)
Mr. Mukesh Verma & Ms. Vatsala Tripathi, Advs. for the Mining Department, State of UP
Mr. Arvind Kumar, Adv. for UPPCB (Through VC)
Ms. Prachi Mishra, Adv. for the Deptt. of Mines & Geology, State of Rajasthan (Through VC)
Mr. Raghav Sharma, Adv. for MP PCB (Through VC)

ORDER

1. Learned Counsel appearing for State of Madhya Pradesh has informed that IA No. 81043/2024 filed by State in Writ Petition(s) (Civil) No. 202/1995: In Re: T. N. Godavarman Thirumulpad v. UOI & Ors. for modifications/relaxation of the order dated 26.04.2023 and 28.04.2023 passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court has been dismissed by order dated 08.05.2023. Hon'ble Supreme Court has passed the following order on that IA:-

"IA No.81043/2024

We are not inclined to entertain this application. The application is, accordingly, dismissed."

2. Learned Counsel for State of Madhya Pradesh has also informed that State is now considering withdrawing the Notification dated

31.01.2023 issued under Sub-Section 1 of Section 18 of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 de-notifying 207.05 hectares from the National Chambal Sanctuary.

3. She has also informed that in view of ESZ notification dated 20.02.2020 and also the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court, no mining will be allowed in the area concerned and that statement made by Learned Counsel on behalf of the State in this regard on 19.04.2024 will be duly complied with.

4. State of Madhya Pradesh is directed to file a fresh status report in respect of the steps taken and the final outcome regarding the withdrawal of the notification dated 31.01.2023.

5. Learned Counsel for the State has also sought time to apprise the Tribunal about the action taken in respect of the illegal mining in the area concerned.

6. List on 21.02.2025.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

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