

**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: 19.01.2024

**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: Mr. Paritosh Anil, Adv. for MoEF & CC (Through VC)
Mr. Mehul Bharadwaj, Adv. for the State of Madhya Pradesh
Mr. Bhanwar Pal Singh Jadon & Mr. Naveen Kumar Singh, Adv. for the State of UP
Mr. Mukesh Verma, Adv. for Mining Department, State of UP
Ms. Prachi Mishra & Ms. Rebecca Mishra, Adv. for Department of Mines & Geology, State of Rajasthan (Through VC)
Mr. Arvind Kumar, Adv. for UPPCB (Through VC)

ORDER

1. This Original Application raises the issue of illegal mining near Dholpur in the periphery of Keoladeo National Park in Rajasthan close to National Chambal Sanctuary (NCS). The Tribunal after considering the report of MoEF&CC had directed for placing on record the ESZ Notification dated 10.06.2020 in respect of National Chambal Wildlife Sanctuary, Uttar Pradesh and dated 20.02.2020 in respect of National Chambal Wildlife Sanctuary, MP, which have been placed on record along with the report of MoEF&CC dated 17.11.2024.

2. The action taken report has been filed today on behalf of the State of Madhya Pradesh in compliance of the order of the Tribunal dated 03.11.2023 but it was required to be filed by 12 noon on the previous working days of the Tribunal in terms of the circulars of the Tribunal dated 26.09.2020 and 02.08.2023. Hence, the report filed belatedly, is taken on record subject to deposit of cost of Rs. 5000/- by the State of

M.P. before the Registrar General of the Tribunal. Along with the report Notification dated 31.01.2023 published in the Madhya Pradesh Gazette has been enclosed de-notifying the area of 207.05 hectares from the Sanctuary for the purpose of supply of sand to the local residents for their livelihood. Learned Counsel appearing for the State of MP seeks two weeks' time to place on record the original notification by which the National Chambal Sanctuary was notified and also to show that the said Notification was issued by the State in terms of Section 18 read with Section 26(A) of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and now the exclusion is in terms of sub-Section 3 of Section 26(A) of the Act. Let the fresh report disclosing the above facts along with the necessary documents be filed within three weeks 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.

3. List this matter on 20.03.2024.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

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