

Item No. 18

Court No. 2

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

Original Application No. 345/2023

Ganagalla Praveen Kumar

Applicant

Versus

State of Andhra Pradesh

Respondent

Date of hearing: 29.05.2023

**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

ORDER

1. This Original Application has been registered under Section 14 and 15 of National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 (hereinafter referred to as 'NGT Act, 2010') on a letter petition dated 07.02.2023 sent by Pedda Ganagalla Praveen Kumar, Pedda Ganagallapeta, Mofusbandar post, District Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh.

2. Complainant has stated that in village Pedda Ganagallapeta Mofusbandar post, District Srikakulam a large number of shrimp tanks and shrimp bunds have been constructed/raised across the river flow preventing free flow of river water. The fish ponds are obstructing free flow of water and even otherwise are cause water pollution. The complainant has also given a list of such aqua culture ponds showing 44 such units working in the area.

3. In our view, a substantial question relating to environment due to implementation of Scheduled Enactments under NGT Act, 2010 has arisen. However, before taking any further action in the matter we find it appropriate to obtain a factual report for the purpose whereof we constitute a Joint Committee comprising State PCB, Department of Fisheries, Coastal Aquaculture Authority, Chennai, Department of Irrigation and District Magistrate Srikakulam. State PCB shall be the nodal agency for coordination and compliance of this order.

4. The said committee shall visit the site, collect all relevant informations and submit a factual report within two months to the Registrar, Southern Zone Bench, Chennai by e-mail, preferably in the form of searchable PDF/ OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF, who shall place the matter before the Registrar, Southern Zone Bench for further proceedings/orders.

5. Registry shall also transfer record of this matter to Southern Zone Bench, Chennai for further proceedings.

6. List this matter before appropriate Bench on 04.08.2023.

7. A copy of this order be forwarded to State PCB, Department of Fisheries, Coastal Aquaculture Authority, Chennai, Department of Irrigation and District Magistrate Srikakulam by e-mail for compliance.

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

May 29, 2023
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