

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

(By Video Conferencing)

Original Application No. 607/2022

In re : News item published in NDTV dated 06.08.2022 titled “High volume of Uranium in Groundwater in Bihar Leaves Authorities Worried: Report”

Date of hearing: 23.08.2022

**CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE ADARSH KUMAR GOEL, CHAIRPERSON
HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON’BLE PROF. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

ORDER

1. The matter has been taken up in light of the media report to the effect that Uranium is found in the drinking water in certain Districts of Bihar i.e. Nalanda, Nawada, Katihar, Madhepura, Vaishali, Supaul, Aurangabad, Gaya, Saran, Jehanabad, Bhabhua, Khagaria, Sheikhpura, Purnea, Kishanganj and Begusarai. Uranium seriously affects kidneys and bones of consumers of such water.

2. In view of above, let a five member joint Committee of CPCB, State PCB, CGWA, Secretaries, Water Resources, Bihar and Secretary, Health, Bihar look into the matter and furnish a factual and action taken report in the matter. The State PCB will be the nodal agency for coordination and compliance. Meeting of the Committee may be held within one month and report may be furnished within three months 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. The Committee will be at liberty to take assistance from any other Expert/Institution including Bhabha Atomic

Research Centre (BARC), Bombay and a reputed Cancer Institute. The Committee will also be at liberty to interact with the stakeholders including the health authorities in the area. The report may inter alia specify the extent of contamination due to uranium, sources/causes of such contamination, remedial steps taken, including steps for providing safe drinking water.

List for further consideration on 20.12.2022.

A copy of this order along with the copy of the original application be forwarded to CPCB, State PCB, CGWA, Secretary, Water Resources, Bihar, Secretary, Health, Bihar by e-mail for compliance.

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