

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

Execution Application No. 41/2023
(IA No 290/2026, IA No 221/2025, IA No 276/2025)
In
Original Application No. 94/2021

Haider Ali Applicant

Versus

Union of India & Ors. Respondent(s)

WITH

Original Application No. 348/2024

News Item Titled "Bengaluru Stadium to Get Treated Water Supply for IPL Matches Amid Crisis" Appearing in India Today Dated 21.03.2024

Date of hearing: 16.04.2026

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant: Mr. Satyam Shekhar, Ms. Sanya Kashyap, Mr. Adnan & Mr. Abhik Chandra, Advs. for Applicant in E.A 41/2023

Respondents: Mr. Abhinav Mukerji, Senior Advocate with Ms. Bihu Sharma, Advs. for BCCI (Through VC)
Mr. Samrat Sen, Senior Advocate with Ms. Manali Ali, Mr. Amitava Mitra & Mr. Paritosh Sinha, Advs. for CAB
Mr. Sanjay Upadhyay, Senior Advocate with Mr. Anubhav Anand & Mr. Surya Gupta, Advs. for R - 27
Mr. Gigi. C. George & Ms. Neha Sharma, Advs. for CGWA
Mr. Azim H. Laskar & Mr. Kishor Datta, Advs. for R - 8
Ms. Aarti Gautam & Mr. Abhishek Kandwal, Adv. for R - 9, 17 & 26
Mr. Byrapaneni Suyodhan & Mr. Kumar Shashank, Advs. for R - 11
Mr. Suyog P. Deshpande, Adv. for R - 13
Mr. Kartikey Bhatt & Mr. Mandeep Singh, Advs. for R - 19
Mr. Dilip Taur, Adv. for R - 20
Mr. Aditya Verma, Ms. Parkhi Rai & Ms. Ilma Khan, Adv. for R - 23
Mr. Prashant Manchanda & Mr. Angad Singh, Advs. for Punjab Cricket Association
Mr. Pradeep Misra & Mr. Daleep Dhyani, Adv. for UPPCB (Through VC)
Mr. Sahil Raveen, Adv. for R - 24 (Through VC)
Mr. Subornadeep Bhattacharjee & Mr. Balaji Srinivasan, Advs. for R - 4

ORDER

1. By way of this execution application, the Applicant is seeking compliance of the order of the Tribunal dated 15.04.2021 passed in OA No. 94/2021 wherein the issue of use of groundwater by the cricket play

grounds without availing the alternative of using STP treated water and installing the rain water harvesting system was involved. The OA was disposed of by the order dated 15.04.2021 by directing as under:

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4. *There can be no dispute with the proposition that conservation of water is dire need of the environment. Every effort is required to save potable water for drinking. Cricket or other such grounds may be maintained, as far as possible, from the STP of high quality having no pathogens and offensive components. Also rain water harvesting and storage of such water may be ensured.*

5. *Accordingly, we direct the Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti to hold a joint meeting within one month with the nominees of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (not below the rank of Joint Secretary), representative of BCCI and CPCB to consider the issue of regulating extraction of ground water for maintenance of Cricket play grounds. If necessary, any other expert may also be coopted. **The issues for consideration may inter alia include – i) prohibiting use of ground water for maintenance of the play grounds atleast during the time no match is being actually played and exploring utilization of STP treated water; ii) ensuring that effective rain water harvesting and water storage/recharging systems are installed in all playgrounds to save the ground water; iii) laying down mandatory requirement of engagement of an environmental expert for every cricket stadium for ensuring compliance with the environmental norms, iv) using every sport event with the programme of awareness for environment protection, using a part of profit from commercial activities as a mandatory obligation. The decisions taken in the meeting may be followed up by appropriate statutory orders.***

2. This execution application is pending since 2023 and repeated directions have been issued by the Tribunal to the Respondents - cricket stadiums to file the response and the information disclosed therein is being tabulated by the CGWA. The CGWA has filed the report compiling the replies submitted by the Respondents - cricket stadiums regarding source of use of water dated 15.04.2026. The reply discloses that the following stadiums have not complied with the direction of the Tribunal:

- “1. Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Stadium, Raipur
- 2. Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi
- 3. Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur
- 4. Dr. DY Patil Stadium, Mumbai
- 5. Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium, Lucknow
- 6. Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium, Hyderabad
- 7. Barabati Stadium, Cuttack”

3. Learned Counsel appearing for Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium, Hyderabad has submitted that he has received the instructions today and the reply alongwith all the details will be submitted within three weeks.

4. Learned Counsel for the Applicant has advanced the submission that remaining six stadiums have not filed their response till now nor they are appearing before the Tribunal or responding to the repeated orders of the Tribunal. He has submitted that these stadiums are duly served.

5. Counsel for the CGWA has also submitted that these stadiums have been duly sent the e-mails 27.03.2026 and 07.04.2026 intimating about pendency of the matter and requiring them to submit the report.

6. In such a background, the submission of Counsel for the Applicant is that all the activities in these six stadiums should be completely stopped and they should not be allowed to carry out any sports activity therein.

7. Hence, a notice is issued to the following six stadiums to explain as to why all their activities should not be stopped on the ground of non-compliance of the Tribunal's order and not submitting the requisite information:

- “1. *Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Stadium, Raipur*
2. *Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi*
3. *Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur*
4. *Dr. DY Patil Stadium, Mumbai*
5. *Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium, Lucknow*
6. *Barabati Stadium, Cuttack*”

8. CGWA is directed to convey this order to the above six stadiums.

9. IA No. 290/2026 has been filed on behalf of the Respondent No. 13 for correction of the typographical error in the order of the Tribunal dated 22.01.2026 stating that due to typographical error Respondent No. 13 is mentioned as "Jamtha, Nagpur/Vidarbha Cricket Association" instead of

“Vidarbha Cricket Association, Civil Lines, Nagpur”. It is noticed that the typographical error is not in the order of the Tribunal, but it is in the chart prepared by the CGWA and reproduced in the order dated 22.01.2026. Hence, Counsel for the CGWA is directed to look into this issue and make the necessary corrections. IA No. 290/2026 is accordingly disposed of.

10. List on 02.07.2026.

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Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

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