

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

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

Haider Ali
Versus
Applicant
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: 22.01.2026

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

Applicant: Mr. Satyam Shekhar, Adv. for Applicant in E.A 41/2023

Respondents: Ms. Bihu Sharma, Advs. for BCCI (Through VC)
Mr. Samrat Sen, Senior Advocate with Ms. Manali Ali, Mr. Amitava Mitra & Ms. Priyata Chakraborty, Advs. for CAB
Mr. Sanjay Upadhyay, Senior Advocate with Ms. Mansi Bachani, Mr. Anubhav Anand & Mr. Surya Gupta, Advs. for R - 27
Mr. Gigi. C. George, Adv. for CGWA
Mr. Azim H. Laskar & Mr. Kishor Datta, Advs. for R - 8
Mr. Abhishek Kandwal, Adv. for R - 9, 17 & 26 (Through VC)
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 & Mr. K. Rigved Prasad, Adv. for R - 23
Mr. Prashant Manchanda, Adv. for Punjab Cricket Association
Mr. Pradeep Misra & Mr. Daleep Dhyani, Adv. for UPPCB (Through VC)
Mr. Darpan K.M & Mr. Rajat Jonathan Shaw, Advs. for the State of Karnataka in OA 348/20204 (Through VC)
Mr. Devraj Ashok, Adv. for KSPCB in OA 348/20204 (Through VC)

ORDER

1. The Tribunal by the order dated 26.11.2024 directed the Counsel for the Central Ground Water Association (CGWA) to compile the information disclosed in the response of the Respondents Cricket Association and tabulate it. Thereafter, the Tribunal by the order dated 17.07.2025 had further directed the respondents to furnish an advance copy of the reply to

Counsel for the CGWA for compiling the information disclosed on those replies and for preparing the tabulated chart.

2. The Respondent - CGWA has filed the compilation dated 20.01.2026 disclosing the status received from 10 stadiums as under:

“Consolidated information w.r.t Monthly and yearly use of quantity of water required for irrigating the cricket grounds, proportion of STP treated water and fresh water

Name of Stadium/ Cricket Association (Respondent)	Monthly Status				Yearly Status				Status of RWHS Installed	Remarks
	Use of water for irrigating the ground /green belt	Proportion of STP treated	Proportion of Fresh Water		Use of water for irrigating the ground/ green belt	Proportion of STP treated	Proportion of Fresh Water			
			Ground Water	Supply from other sources			Ground Water	Supply from other sources		
IS Bindra Stadium, Mohali/ Punjab Cricket Association	6000 KLM approx.	Nil	6000 KLM	Nil	72000 KLY	Nil	72000 KLY	Nil	02 RWHS installed and functional	Installation of STP or supply of treated water is not feasible.
Jamtha, Nagpur/ Vidarbha Cricket Association	1367 KLM	492 KLM	875 KLM	Nil	16404 KLY	5904 KLY	10500 KLY	Nil	Installed in 2018 & fully functional	Two STP plants having capacity of 10KLD each installed in 2024 are fully functional.
Eden Gardens, Kolkata/ The Cricket Association of Bengal	1250 KLM	Nil	1250 KLM	Nil	15000 KLY	Nil	15000 KLY	Nil	Taking steps for installation of effective RWHS.	Installation of 150 KLD Sewage Treatment Plant implementing MBBR technique and Rain Water Harvesting in process.
Wankhede Stadium/ Mumbai Cricket Association	4500 KLM	4500 KLM	Nil	Nil	54000 KLY	54000 KLY	Nil	Nil	RWHS installed in March 2017	Also installed three ring wells as RWHS pits.
MA Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai/ Tamil Nadu Cricket Association	3000 KLM	3000 KLM	Nil	Nil	36000 KLY	36000 KLY	Nil	Nil	Installed	The STP facility, which has a maximum output of 150 KLD, has been functional and generates 100-120 KLD, which is sufficient for the requirements of the answering Respondent stadium.
Chaudhary Bansi Lal Cricket Stadium, Lahli (Haryana)	2698.75 KLM	Nil	2698.75 KLM	Nil	32385 KLY	Nil	32385 KLY	Nil	2 RWHS Installed and functional	Respondent is also in the process of installing a 50 KLD hg SBR Technology based wastewater treatment plant and treated water shall be utilized for green belt and pitch maintenance
Karyavattom Sports Facilities Limited (KSFL).	Between 400 KL and 600 KL	10,000 litres per day (10	225 KLM	Nil	6000 KLY	300KL/ Month X 12-	225 KL/ Month X	Nil	Nil	A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with the Kerala Rural Water Supply and

Kerala, Trivandrum		KLD) X 30 days = 300KL/ Month				3600 KL/ Year	12-2700 KL/ Year			Sanitation Agency (Jalanidhi) for the development of source water and installation of a rainwater harvesting system at the stadium
ACA Stadium, Baraspara, Guwahati Assam Cricket Association	2234 KLM	Nil	2234 KLM	Nil	250208 KLY	Nil	250208 KLY	Nil	Installed	STP having capacity of 10 KLD installed. However, as disclosed by the respondent, treated water has not yet been reused for irrigation purpose of the ground since the Advanced Tertiary Treatment (ATT) unit required for enabling the reuse of treated STP water is under process of installation.
Brabourne Stadium, Mumbai/ Cricket Club of India	3000 KL	Nil	Nil	**3000 KL	227000 KLY	Nil	Nil	*227000 KLY	Ring well constructed which facilitate recharge GW seeping through the ground	* Installation of STP is not feasible due to severe space constraint. However, CCI is also in process of getting the MoU executed between CCI & BMC for supply of sewage treated water for quantum 100 KLD approx, from Colaba Sewage Treatment Plant. ** Water requirement for irrigating the ground at Brabourne Stadium is being fulfilled by sourcing water from the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai and H.H. Road lines.
Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy ACA VDCA Cricket Stadium. Vishakhapatnam	21KLM	Nil	Nil	Nil	252 KL	Nil	252 KL	Nil	02 RWH installed, scheduled to be fully operational by 2026	VDCA disclosed that "Mandate of STP at the ACA-VDCA is untenable on grounds of technical impossibility, economic non-viability, and environment sustainability. making compliance unduly burdensome and irrational".

3. The above disclosure reveals that so far as IS Bindra Stadium, Mohali/Punjab Cricket Association is concerned, it is using 6000 KLM groundwater for irrigating the ground and has not installed any STP.

4. Learned Counsel for the said Cricket Association has referred to the communication dated 31.05.2024 sent by the Additional Chief

Administrator, GMADA, S.A.S. Nagar (page 2240), but this communication also reveals that the secondary level treated water is available at STP Sector - 83 Mohali and tertiary treated water at STP Aerocity is available and the same can be taken as per demand at the cost of the Cricket Association. Hence, the plea of the Counsel that the treated water is not available cannot be accepted. It appears that IS Bindra Stadium, Mohali/Punjab Cricket Association is not inclined to comply with the orders of the Tribunal and without utilising the STP treated water it intends to continue using the groundwater which has a serious adverse impact on the environment. Somewhat similar is the situation noted in respect of some other cricket associations also. The chart reflects that Jamtha, Nagpur/Vidarbha Cricket Association, Eden Gardens, Kolkata/The Cricket Association of Bengal, Chaudhary Bansi Lal Cricket Stadium, Lahli, Karyavattom Sports Facilities Limited, Kerala and ACA Stadium, Baraspara, Guwahati are using the groundwater. Hence, they are permitted to furnish their explanation in this regard within six weeks.

5. The above stadiums/cricket associations will disclose the steps which have been taken till now to avoid the use of groundwater for irrigating the cricket ground.

6. In the said report, the CGWA has also disclosed the stadiums/cricket associations which have not complied with the order of the Tribunal and have not submitted a copy of the report to the CGWA as under:

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S. No.	List of Respondents/Cricket Stadiums who have not submitted their replies in compliance with the Hon'ble Tribunal's orders dated 19.03.2025, 17.07.2025 and 13.10.2025
1.	Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium, Rajkot C/o Saurashtra Cricket Association, Through Himanshu P Shah, Hon. Secretary, E-mail: saucricket@gmail.com;
2.	Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Stadium, Raipur C/o Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh, maintenance of the stadium is under PWD, Through Dinesh Ready Sub Engineer,

	<i>E-mail: dkroy16.71@gmail.com;</i>
3.	<i>Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi C/o Delhi and District Cricket Association, Through Ajay Kumar Chaurasia, Chief Engineer (Civi Email: akc1967@gmail.com;</i>
4.	<i>MCA Cricket Stadium, Gahunje, Pune C/o Maharashtra Cricket Association, Through Shri Manohar R. Bhaysar, Store and Purchase Manager Email: cricketmaharashtra@yahoo.com;</i>
5.	<i>Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur C/o Rajasthan Cricket Association, Through Bhawanishankar Samota, Secretary, RCA Email: rca@cricketrajasthan.in;</i>
6.	<i>Holkar Stadium, Indore C/o Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association, Through Rohit D Pandit, CAO, MPCA, Email: cricket.operations@mpcaonline.com;</i>
7.	<i>Dr. DY Patil Stadium, Mumbai C/o Dr. D. Y. Patil Stadium, Through Shri Sanjiv Dongre, Professor of Architecture, Email: sanjiv.dongre@dypatil.edu;</i>
8.	<i>Green Park Stadium, Kanpur C/o Department of Sports Uttar Pradesh (UPCA), Through Smt. Mudrika Pathak Dy. Director Email: dydirectorsports@gmail.com;</i>
9.	<i>Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium, Lucknow C/o Not Provided, Through Pradeep Singh Liaising Officer, Email: Not Given;</i>
10.	<i>Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium, Hyderabad C/o Hyderabad Cricket Association, Through A. Srinivas Goud, Chandra Shekar, Srikanth Reddy, Civil Engineer, Chief Curator, Estate Manager, Email: Srinivasankamgari@gmail.com, chandu_cricket30@gmail.com, srikanth.oiadri@gmail.com;</i>
11.	<i>Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Stadium, Dharamsala C/o Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association, Through Mr. Avnish Parmar Secretary, HPCA, Email: secretary@hpca.cricket;</i>
12.	<i>Barabati Stadium, Cuttack C/o Odisha Olympic Association, Through Subrat Kumar Behera CEO, Email: cco@odishacricket.in.</i>

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7. The non-submission of the report by the above cricket associations has delayed the decision in this matter. Hence, cost of Rs. 5,000/- each is imposed upon the above 12 cricket associations who have not submitted a copy of the reply to the CGWA. This cost is to be deposited with the Secretary, NGT Bar Association within two weeks. Subject to deposit of this

cost, these 12 cricket associations are granted six weeks' time to furnish a copy of the reply to the CGWA.

8. List on 16.04.2026.

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