

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

Original Application No. 785/2023

News Item titled "Kasauli Distillery dumps effluents into water source supply affected" appearing in Tribune dated 15.12.2023

Date of hearing: 12.08.2025

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

Respondent: Mr. A.D.N. Rao, Senior Advocate with Mr. Vipul Wadhwa, Mr. Amit P. Shahi & Mr. Rahul Mishra, Advs. for R - 5
Mr. Vikrant Pachnanda, Adv. for CPCB (Through VC)
Mr. Naman Garg, Advs. for HP SPCB
Mr. Anubhav Sharma, Adv. for R - 3

ORDER

1. In this original application, registered suo-moto, Tribunal is considering the issue of dumping of effluents by respondent/project proponent into natural resource and also compliance of the environmental norms.
2. Joint committee constituted by the Tribunal had submitted the report dated 20.08.2024 disclosing that respondent/project proponent is using spring water emerging from its premises without any permission.
3. Learned Counsel appearing for project proponent submits that for using the spring water no permission of the ground water authority is required and no regulation exists for taking permission for use of such spring water from any authority.
4. To ascertain the correct position, we deem it proper to implead the following as additional respondent in the matter:

(i) MoEF&CC, New Delhi through Secretary.

5. Office is directed to serve the newly added respondent.
6. Newly added respondent-MoEF&CC is directed to file affidavit disclosing if any rule, regulation, circular exists regulating the drawl of spring water for commercial purpose.
7. List on 12.09.2025.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

August 12, 2025
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