

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

Original Application No. 285/2023

Meghraj Singh

Versus

Applicant

State of Uttar Pradesh & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 16.01.2025

**CORAM:**     **HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON**  
                  **HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL, JUDICIAL MEMBER**  
                  **HON’BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant:     Mr. Meghraj Singh, Applicant in Person

Respondent:   Mr. Bhanwar Pal Singh Jadon, Adv. for the State of UP (Through VC)  
                      Mr. Arvind Kumar & Mr. Asis Mishra, Advs. for UPPCB  
                      Mr. Pradeep Misra & Mr. Daleep Dhyani, Advs. for UPPCB (Through VC)

**ORDER**

1.     In this original application, applicant has raised the grievance that ponds in Kanpur Dehat, Uttar Pradesh are disappearing.
2.     Latest affidavit dated 15.01.2025 filed by District Magistrate, Kanpur Dehat discloses that 6949 available pounds have been verified from the revenue record and details of these 6949 pounds are disclosed to be as under:

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| <i>Sr. No.</i> | <i>Name of Tehsil</i> | <i>Total Ponds</i> |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| <i>1</i>       | <i>Sikandera</i>      | <i>934</i>         |
| <i>2</i>       | <i>Bhognipur</i>      | <i>1118</i>        |
| <i>3</i>       | <i>Maitha</i>         | <i>894</i>         |
| <i>4</i>       | <i>Akbarpur</i>       | <i>1537</i>        |

|                    |                   |             |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 5                  | <i>Derapur</i>    | 945         |
| 6                  | <i>Rasoolabad</i> | 1521        |
| <b>Total Ponds</b> |                   | <b>6949</b> |

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3. In respect of the qualitative monitoring of the ponds, the disclosure made in the report is as under:-

*“7. It is respectfully submitted that qualitative monitoring of 6,330 ponds out of the earlier identified 6,612 Ponds has been duly completed with respect to parameters such as dissolved oxygen and pH levels. That as per the current situation a total of 6949 Ponds has been verified from the data available, therefore, further work of qualitative monitoring of the remaining 619 Ponds is under process.*

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <i>Total No. of Ponds as per O.A. and quoted in order of this Hon'ble Tribunal dated 6.11.2023</i> | <i>1,975 (1095 disappeared out of 1,975)</i> |
| <i>Total No. of Ponds as report dated 06.11.2023 submitted by DM which were earlier identified</i> | <i>6,612</i>                                 |
| <i>Total No. of Ponds as per objections dated 02.07.2024 raised by applicant</i>                   | <i>7,303</i>                                 |
| <i>True Total No. of Ponds existing as per Revenue Records and NIC information</i>                 | <i>6,949</i>                                 |
| <i>True Total No. of Ponds with complete Qualitative Monitoring</i>                                | <i>6,330</i>                                 |
| <i>True No. of Ponds out of 6,949 with incomplete Qualitative Monitoring</i>                       | <i>619</i>                                   |

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4. The report further discloses the status of encroachments on the pond on their removal as under:

*“16. It is important to submit that Removal of encroachments is under process by district administration. The detail of action taken are as follows:*

**a. Encroachment identified-**

- i) Temporary: 40
- ii) Permanent: 279

**b. Encroachment removed-**

- i) Temporary: 40
- ii) Permanent: 117

**c. Encroachment under consideration and pending to be removed-**

- i) Temporary: 0
- ii) Permanent: 162

*It is also submitted here that the encroachments which are under consideration i.e., permanent encroachments of 162 Ponds are duly identified and process of their removal has begun by the concerned authorities. That Notices have been sent to the encroachers and proceedings before the Revenue Court have been initiated.”*

5. Applicant appearing in person seeks four weeks' time to file an objection to this report and further material to show that the disclosure made in the report by District Magistrate Kanpur Dehat is not correct. Prayer is allowed.

6. List on 28.04.2025.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

January 16, 2025  
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JG.