

Item No. 03

Court No. 1

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI
(THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING)**

Original Application No. 285/2023

Meghraj Singh

Applicant

Versus

State of Uttar Pradesh & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 19.04.2023

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

Applicant: Mr. Mr. Meghraj Singh in person.

ORDER

1. Grievance in this application is against disappearance of 1095 ponds in Kanpur Dehat, Uttar Pradesh. The applicant has stated that survey of ponds was conducted in 2011-12 for fisheries. 1975 ponds were found suitable for fisheries but hundreds of ponds were encroached. The database is as follows:-

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Sr. No.	Name of Block	Total Ponds	Remaining Ponds	Disappearing Pond
	<i>Akbarpur</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>102</i>
	<i>Matha</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>143</i>	<i>157</i>
	<i>Saravankheda</i>	<i>210</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>140</i>
	<i>Malasa</i>	<i>161</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>101</i>
	<i>Amraudha</i>	<i>280</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>174</i>
	<i>Derapur</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>70</i>
	<i>Jhinhak</i>	<i>130</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>85</i>
	<i>Rasulabad</i>	<i>201</i>	<i>130</i>	<i>71</i>
	<i>Rajpur</i>	<i>220</i>	<i>145</i>	<i>75</i>
	<i>Sandalpur</i>	<i>180</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>120</i>
TOTAL	10	1975	880	1095

At present fish farming is being done on 880 ponds only in the district. Fish farming is not possible on 1095 ponds due to other reasons including drought, encroachment, contaminated water and low depth. The high officials have already been informed about this.- Dr. Ranji Singh, CEO Fisheries Department.”

2. It is further stated that 900 ponds have been encroached by influential persons including those in Akbarpur block, Bhognipur Tehsil, Rasoolabad Tehsil, Sikandara and Derapur Block. In pursuance to order of this Tribunal dated 18.11.2020 in O.A. No. 325/2015, *Lt. Col. Sarvadaman Singh Oberoi Vs. Union of India & Ors.*, the applicant filed a complaint before the District Magistrate, Kanpur Dehat but necessary action has not been taken.

3. In view of above, we constitute a joint Committee comprising of State PCB, Director, Fisheries Department, Uttar Pradesh and District Magistrate, Kanpur Dehat to meet within two weeks and furnish its factual and action taken report in the matter within two months by e-mail at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/ OCR supported PDF and not in the form of Image PDF. The District Magistrate, Kanpur Dehat will be the nodal agency for coordination and compliance. It may be necessary to inventories the ponds, give them unique identification number and code and mapping them appropriately on District map and make remedial action plan for their restoration in terms of maintaining water quality and restore fisheries.

List for further consideration on 20.07.2023.

Copy of this order be forwarded to the State PCB, Director, Fisheries Department, Uttar Pradesh and District Magistrate, Kanpur Dehat by email for compliance.

The applicant may serve a set of papers on the State PCB, Director, Fisheries Department, Uttar Pradesh and District Magistrate, Kanpur Dehat and file affidavit of service within one week.

Adarsh Kumar Goel, CP

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

April 19, 2023
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