

Item No. 02

Court No. 1

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

Original Application No. 336/2023

Pankaj Srivastava

Applicant

Versus

Birla Carbon India Private Limited

Respondent

Date of hearing: 18.05.2023

**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**

ORDER

1. Grievance in this application is against violation of environmental norms by M/s Birla Carbon Renukoot Plant in District Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh. It is stated that the said unit is discharging untreated black water in a drain connected to Renu river which is further connected to Sone River, in violation of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. UP State PCB issued show cause notice dated 24.03.2021 proposing to close the unit for the said violations and to levy environmental compensation at the rate of Rs. 30,000 per day. However, even after two years, neither the UP State PCB has closed the unit nor recovered compensation, nor the unit has stopped the violations.

2. Considering the above, we direct the State PCB to take further steps in the matter and finalize pending action within one month and file an action taken report. The unit may take necessary preventive and remedial measures and is at liberty to file response, if any before this Tribunal. We

also constitute a joint Committee of CPCB, State PCB sand District Magistrate, Sonbhadra to ascertain the factual position and furnish a factual and action taken report within one month by e-mail at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/ OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

List for further consideration on 14.08.2023.

A copy of this order along with the copy of the complaint be forwarded to CPCB, State PCB, District Magistrate, Sonbhadra and M/s Birla Carbon Renukoot Plant, District Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh by e-mail for compliance.

Adarsh Kumar Goel, CP

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

May 18, 2023
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