

Item Nos. 07 to 10

Court No. 1

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

Original Application No. 412/2023
(IA No. 603/2023 & IA No. 602/2023)

Pradeep Kumar Shukla & Anr. Applicant(s)

Versus

MoEF&CC & Ors. Respondent(s)

With

Original Application No. 462/2023

Raja Ram Singh Applicant

Versus

State of UP & Ors. Respondent(s)

With

Original Application No. 481/2023
(IA No. 153/2025, IA 467/2025,
IA No. 621/2024, IA No. 490/2024,
IA No. 93/2024, IA No. 622/2024,
IA No. 619/2024, IA No. 70/2024)

Balbir Sandhu & Ors. Applicant(s)

Versus

State of UP & Ors. Respondent(s)

With

Original Application No. 1222/2024
(I.A. Nos. 492/2024 & 493/2024)

Gaurav Sharma Applicant

Versus

MoEF&CC & Ors. Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 09.07.2025

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

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Respondent: Mr. Gaurav Bhatia, Senior Advocate with Mr. Ankit Verma, Mr. Neelmani
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CC in OA 481/2023 & OA 1222/2024
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412/2023, OA 462/2023 & OA 481/2023 (Through VC)
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462/2023
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481/2023
Mr. Hasil Jain & Mr. Shaiaam Hasan, Advs. in I.A No. 467/2025

ORDER

1. A letter has been circulated by Counsel for respondent no.1-MoEF&CC seeking adjournment by stating as under:

“...2. Vide order dated 06.03.2025, the Hon'ble Tribunal had graciously granted my request for an adjournment to enable the Expert Appraisal Committee to complete the exercise of deliberation and consultation with the concerned State Governments on the questions raised by the Hon'ble Tribunal with respect to the regime governing removal of flood deposits from agricultural fields, short term permits and related matters.

3. Pursuant thereto further deliberations took place within the MoEF&CC and it was felt that for better understanding of the present practice in the States/UTs, the initial discussions which had only been with five states, i.e. Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttarakhand, would not be sufficient and a wider consultation with all States/UTs was required. Accordingly, a questionnaire based on the issues flagged by the Hon'ble Tribunal was prepared and circulated to all the State Pollution Control Boards ("SPCBs"), State Level Expert Impact Appraisal Authorities ("SEIAAs") and the respective Departments of Mines and Geology ("DMGs") of all States/UTs States/UTs for their comments.

4. On receipt of the responses from some of the States/UTs, an online meeting was held on 11.06.2025, wherein members of Expert

Appraisal Committee (EAC), Non-Coal Mining (NCM) Sector and Representatives from the various Departments of Mines and Geology (DMG), State Environment Impact Assessment Authorities (SEIAAs), State Expert Appraisal Committees (SEACs), and State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) from the majority of States/UTs and officials of the MoEF&CC participated and detailed discussions were once again held. Responses with respect to the questionnaire from the states/UTs were received after the meeting. A draft record of the meeting incorporating the compilation of comments of all States was prepared and circulated to the representatives of the States/UTs for their comments and inputs, and many responses have also been received.

5. *The matter was discussed in the 46th EAC (Non-Coal Mining) meeting dated 25-26th June 2025, in view of the responses of States/UTs as had been received till that date. The EAC opined that matter requires to be discussed in the 47th EAC meeting to be held in July 2025, by which time the final comments of States/UTs w.r.t the draft record of discussion held on 11.06.2025 would also be received.”*
2. Request for further final adjournment of two weeks is allowed.
3. List on 08.09.2025.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

July 09, 2025
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& other connected OAs