

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

Original Application No. 515/2023
(IA No 557/2024, IA No 556/2024,
IA No 458/2024, IA No 372/2024)

Ganga Pollution Applicant

Versus

State of UP & Ors. Respondent(s)

WITH

Original Application No. 516/2023

M/s Sundrop Colonizers Pvt. Ltd. Applicant

Versus

State of U.P. & Ors. Respondent(s)

WITH

Original Application No. 517 /2023

Gokul Chandra Sharma &Ors. Applicant(s)

Versus

State of U.P. & Ors. Respondent(s)

WITH

Original Application No. 518 /2023
(I.A. No. 06/2024)

Sri Math (Jagatguru Ramanand
Acharya Peeth) & Anr. Applicant(s)

Versus

State of UP & Anr. Respondent(s)

WITH

Original Application No. 519 /2023

Smt. Meena Mishra Applicant

Versus

State of U.P. Respondent

WITH

Original Application No. 520 /2023

Smt. Vimla Devi	Applicant
Versus	
State of U.P.	Respondent
WITH	
Original Application No. 521 /2023	
Sarvamangla Adhyatma Yog Vidya Peeth	Applicant
Versus	
Union of India & Ors.	Respondent(s)
WITH	
Original Application No. 522 /2023	
Shri Shri Guruji Tapasthali	Applicant
Versus	
State of U.P. & Ors.	Respondent(s)
WITH	
Original Application No. 523 /2023	
Vinod Kumar Pandey	Applicant
Versus	
State of U.P. & Ors.	Respondent(s)
WITH	
Original Application No. 524 /2023	
Ram Rekha Jaiswal	Applicant
Versus	
State of U.P. & Ors.	Respondent(s)
WITH	
Original Application No. 525 /2023	
Pt. Ram Chandra Sharma	Applicant
Versus	
State of U.P. & Ors.	Respondent(s)
WITH	
Original Application No. 526 /2023 (IA No. 288/2024)	
Ganga Sewa Abhiyan & Ors.	Applicant(s)

Versus

Union of India & Ors.

Respondent(s)

WITH

Original Application No. 527 /2023
(IA No. 296/2024 & IA No. 297/2024)

Kautilya Society & Anr.

Applicant(s)

Versus

Union of India & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 23.04.2025

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

Respondents: Mr. Bhanwar Pal Singh Jadon, Mr. Harsh Vardhan Singh Rajawat, Ms. Gargi Chaturvedi & Ms. Anjali Sharma, Advs. for the State of UP
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ORDER

1. In these matters the main issue relates to demarcation of floodplain zone of river Ganga and its tributaries and action against unauthorized construction within the prohibited area in the State of UP. The Tribunal by order dated 11.02.2025 had granted time to counsel for the State of UP for filing the map with 1 meter contour intervals and other details received from the Survey of India for demarcation of the floodplain zone with 100 years highest flood return level in terms of Clause 3(l) of the River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016.

2. The affidavit dated 19.04.2025 on behalf of the Chief Engineer, Sone, Irrigation and Water Resource Department, State of UP has been filed mentioning as under:-

“6. It is respectfully submitted that, the Survey of India, through Covering Letter No. T-1477/39-C-ED (Court Case), dated 09.04.2025, with reference to the letter no. 4189/39-C-ED (Court Case) dated 07.08.2024, reaffirmed the transmission of the aforementioned DEM data as per its earlier communication dated 07.08.2024. It is germane to mention here that the covering letter mentioned above revalidates and confirms that the maps of 1-meter Contour so prepared and transmitted on 21.02.2025 have been prepared by using the same DEM Technology and transmitted by the office of Survey of India to the Irrigation Department, U.P. That the relevant and operative part of the letter no. T-1477/39-C-ED (Court Case) dated 09.04.2025 received from Survey of India has been given as under:

"विषय: उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य का 1 मीटर कंटूर इंटरवल (Contour interval)

मानचित्र उपलब्ध कराने के सम्बन्ध में

संदर्भ:

1. इस कार्यालय का पत्र संख्या त- 4189/39-C-ED (कोर्ट केस० दिनांक 07/08/2024.
2. इस कार्यालय का ई- मेल दिनांक 21/02/2025.
3. आपके कार्यालय का पत्र संख्या 1814/मु० अभि० (सू०प्र०सं०)/ लखनऊ दिनांक 07/04/2025.
4. आपके कार्यालय का पत्र संख्या 1814/मु० अभि० (सू०प्र०सं०)/ लखनऊ दिनांक 07/04/2025.

महोदय,

उपरोक्त संदर्भित पत्र व विषय में आपको अवगत कराना है कि इस कार्यालय के संदर्भित पत्र (1) के अन्तर्गत आपको DEM data उपलब्ध कराया गया था।

जिसकी Vertical accuracy 0.5 मीटर है तथा Pixel resolution 1 मीटर है। अर्थात् 1 मीटर पोस्टिंग (Grid Spacing) है। पुनः आपके अनुरोध पर दिनांक 21 फरवरी, 2025 को ई मेल द्वारा 1 मीटर इंटरवल का कंटूर मानचित्र इस कार्यालय द्वारा उपलब्ध करवाया गया। यह प्रमाणित है कि दिनांक 21/02/2025 को उपलब्ध कराया गया 1 मीटर इंटरवल का कंटूर मानचित्र पूर्व में दिनांक 07/08/2024 को उपलब्ध कराये गये DEM डाटा से ही तैयार किया गया है।”

3. Referring to the above affidavit learned counsel appearing for the State of UP has submitted that the maps delineating the floodplain zone

of river Ganga in the State of UP having stretch of 700 Kms with 1 meter contour and 100-year highest flood level are now available and the exercise of physical demarcation of the floodplain zone of river Ganga at the ground level will commence from May, 2025. In the affidavit, it is stated that this exercise will be completed by March, 2026 but no time bound programme in phased manner for completing the exercise has been disclosed. Learned counsel for the State of UP seeks two weeks to place the same on record by way affidavit. He has also sought two weeks' time file reply to the IAs where it is awaited.

4. List on 19.05.2025.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

April 23, 2025
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& other connected matters
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