

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

Original Application No. 985/2019
(IA No 568/2024)

In Re: Water Pollution by Tanneries at Jajmau Kanpur Uttar Pradesh

Versus

Central Pollution Control Board & Ors.

Respondent(s)

WITH

Original Application No. 986/2019

In Re: Water Pollution at Rania Kanpur Dehat & Rakhi Mandi Kanpur
Nagar Uttar Pradesh

WITH

Original Application No. 528/2023

News report published in Dainik Jagran dated 14.08.2023 "highlights a
growing concern regarding industrial pollution in the Godhrauli village"

WITH

Original Application No. 934/2024

Rajat Verma

Applicant

Versus

Member Secretary, Uttar Pradesh
Pollution Control Board& Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 03.02.2026

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

Applicant: Ms. Katyayni, Adv. (Amicus Curiae in OA Nos. 985-986 of 2019 & OA
934/2024)

Respondents: Mr. Bhanwar Pal Singh Jadon, Mr. Shivansh Sharma, Ms. Gargi
Chaturvedi, Ms. Disha Tiwari & Ms. Anjali Sharma, Advs. for the State of
UP, Medical & Welfare Department, UP, DM, Kanpur Dehat, DM, Kanpur
Nagar & DM, Fatehpur
Mr. Vikrant Pachnanda, Adv. for CPCB in OA 934/2024
Mr. Pradeep Misra & Mr. Daleep Dhyani, Advs. for UPPCB
Mr. Mukesh Kumar, Adv. for CPCB in OA 985-986/2019
Mr. Gigi. C. George & Mr. Ishwar Singh, Advs. with Mr. Brijendra
Swaroop, ED, Projects, Dr. Vivek, Scientist & Dr. Ruby Raju, Scientist,
NMCG

ORDER

1. In the previous proceedings, the Tribunal had considered the status
of compliance of the 22 recommendations made by the learned Amicus
Curiae and had also observed as under:

“6. Since, the issue relates to life and livelihood of the residents of that area who are affected by the chromium and mercury intake on account of contaminated soil, food and ground water, the action within the timeline is needed. Therefore, if the timeline is violated, Chief Secretary/Secretary, Environment/District Magistrate must ensure appropriate disciplinary action against those officials and employees who commit lapse on their part in taking appropriate action for ensuring the adherence to the timeline.”

2. Thereafter, the fresh report has been filed by the concerned District Magistrates and the State of UP. Learned Amicus Curiae is permitted to examine the same and prepare a table disclosing if the action taken in those reports is as per the timeline and the progress which has been made in the meanwhile for compliance of the recommendations of the Amicus Curiae.

3. The Tribunal in the previous proceedings in para 11 of the order had noted the stand of the NMCG and had directed the appearance of some higher official of the NMCG.

4. Mr. Brijendra Swaroop, ED, Projects, NMCG has appeared today and has submitted that the NMCG is responsible for the compliance of the River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016. He has submitted that on account of some miscommunication the statement was made before the Tribunal which is recorded in para 11 of the previous proceedings. He has assured that proper stand of the NMCG will come on record in the further proceedings. Hence, we require the NMCG to render effective and proper assistance to the Tribunal. In view of this further appearance of Mr. Brijendra Swaroop, ED, Projects, NMCG is exempted.

5. Learned Counsel appearing for the State has also sought six weeks' time to file the further report.

6. Learned Amicus Curiae has referred to the list of the inhabitants of Rakhi Mandi, Rania, Kanpur Nagar, Kanpur Dehat, Fatehpur and other districts who have been found to be affected by the chromium and mercury and in their blood samples, the presence of chromium and mercury has been found. She submits that since the list of such victims has come on record from page 4953 onwards, therefore, the State must disclose the medical facility/assistance/treatment which has been extended to each of the said victim. The State is directed to respond to the above submission and disclose the treatment/facility/medical assistance which has been provided to these persons and also to those who have been subsequently found identified to be affected. Let this information be also disclosed in the next affidavit.

7. List on 07.04.2026.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

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and other connected matters
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