

Item No. 17

Court No. 1

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

Original Application No. 392/2022
(I.A. Nos. 747/2023, 748/2023, 626/2023, 625/2023 & 35/2024)

Prasoon Pant & Anr. Applicant(s)

Versus

Union of India & Ors. Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 04.02.2025

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant: Mr. Rahul Choudhary & Ms. Shreepurna Dasgupta, Advs. for Applicant

Respondent: Mr. Ravindra Kumar, Senior Advocate with Mr. Shivam Saxena, Adv. for R - 8 (GNIDA)
Mr. Bhanwar Pal Singh Jadon & Ms. Gargi Chaturvedi, Advs. for the State of UP
Mr. A.R. Takkar, Ms. Aastha Tyagi & Mr. Manan Takkar, Advs. for R - 9
Mr. Zeeshan Hashmi & Mr. Ankit Parashar, Advs. for R- 10
Mr. Karanjot Singh Mainee, Adv. for R - 14 & 17 (Through VC)
Mr. Adnan Siddiqui & Mr. Pranav Swarup Pandey, Advs. for R - 18 & 26
Md. Ghulam Akbar, Mr. K. Sushant Sekhar, Ms. Shruti Deo, Mr. Jeemon Raju & Mr Rakesh Sinha, Advs. for R - 24
Mr. Rudrashish Bhardwaj, Adv. for R - 36
Mr. Sumeer Sodhi & Mr. Arjun Nanda, Advs. for R - 39 (Through VC)
Mr. Pradeep Misra & Mr. Daleep Dhyani, Advs. for UPPCB (Through VC)
Mr. Atif Suhrawardy, Adv. for CPCB (Through VC)
Mr. Gigi. C. George, Adv. for CGWA (Through VC)
Mr. Dhruv Kapur & Ms. Vaidehi Rastogi, Advs. for R - 11
Mr. Sidharth Joshi & Mr. Vinit Kumar Jha, Advs. for R - 16 (Through VC)
Mr. A.K. Chaudhary & Ms. Meena Yadav, Advs. for Coco County & Cherry County
Ms. Aastha Thakur, Adv. for R - 29
Mr. Amit Goel, Adv. for R - 27
Mr. Tanay, Adv. for R - 19
Ms. Kriti Bhardwaj, Adv. for R - 25 (Through VC)
Ms. Kanika Singhal & Mr. Ritik Nandan, Advs. for R - 31 (Through VC)
Mr. Madhur Dhingra, Adv. for R - 46

ORDER

1. In this original application, grievance of the applicant in respect of illegal extraction of ground water by builders operating in Greater NOIDA is under scrutiny.

2. It has been pointed out that factual status in respect of 63 projects has been examined by joint committee, out of which 41 projects have been found to be using ground water and 22 projects have not been found to be using ground water.

3. Counsel for some of the private respondents have submitted that the respondents he is representing are one of those 22 who were not extracting the ground water. Therefore, they should be excluded from the scrutiny.

4. It has been submitted that these project proponents received STP-treated water either from the Greater NOIDA Development Authority, the NOIDA Development Authority, or private suppliers.

5. It has been pointed out that all the STPs from which project proponents received STP water fall within the jurisdiction of Greater NOIDA Development Authority or NOIDA Development Authority.

6. The Learned Counsel for the applicant has submitted that he will compile information regarding each project and project proponent about the sources of STP treated water and other sources of raw water within two weeks. This information will be provided to the Learned Counsel for respondent no. 8 - Greater NOIDA Industrial Development Authority and respondent no. 4 - Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board. Upon receiving this information, respondents nos. 4 and 8 will verify it and determine the correctness of the disclosures made by the projects and project proponents regarding the supply of STP treated water. They will submit the report to the Tribunal within eight weeks.

7. Those project proponents who have not filed details of the source, quantity and period of receipt of STP treated water as well as other

sources of raw water, will have an opportunity to file it by way of affidavit within one week by supplying an advance copy thereof to, Counsel for the applicant.

8. List on 28.04.2025.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

February 04, 2025
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