

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

Original Application No. 680/2023

Shri Raman (Deceased) through
His L.R. Mr. Sumeet K Raman

Applicant

Versus

Union of India & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 04.02.2025

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

Applicant: Ms. Eisha Krishn & Mr. Surya Gupta, Advs. for Applicant

Respondent: Mr. Bhanwar Pal Singh Jadon & Ms. Gargi Chaturvedi, Advs. for R - 2, 6
& 11
Ms. Sthavi Asthana, Adv. for ADA
Mr. Avnesh Arputham, Adv. for MoEF & CC (Through VC)
Mr. Amit Singh Chauhan & Ms. Shaima Masood, Advs. for CPCB
Ms. Saloni Jagga, Adv. for NHAI (Through VC)
Mr. Aditya Vibhav Singh & Mr. Gautam Singh, Advs. for UPPCB (Through
VC)

ORDER

1. In this Original Application, the applicant has raised the grievance against poor air quality in City of Agra and sought full implementation of the action plan for control of air pollution in Agra City.

2. A recent reply dated 31.01.2025 filed by the Respondent no. 2 discloses the action which has been taken to improve the air quality in Agra and also the comparative position of AQI from 2020 to 2024 to show that AQI has improved. The disclosure made by Respondent No. 2 in this regard in the reply dated 31.01.2025 is as under:

“3. That in compliance to the order dated 24.01.2024; this is most respectfully submitted here that State of Uttar Pradesh has prepared the Agra City Action Plan in the year 2019 for control of

air pollution and to improve the air quality of the Agra city. That the action plan of 2019 for the Agra city comprises of Short term and Long term action points from concerned departments/agencies.

The details of the action points mentioned in the action plan of Agra City are annexed herewith as ANNEXURE-1

4. That these action points have been implemented by the State in the Agra city and as a result, the quality of air in the area has improved. At present total 6 CAAQMS are operational in Agra, which are connected with the server of CPCB. The data of air quality is shown in the website of CPCB (http://app.cpcbcr.com/AQI_India/). The chart showing the Air Quality Index (AQI) of last 5 years (2020-2024) is given below showing the improvement in the air quality.

Month	AQI in 2020	AQI in 2021	AQI in 2022	AQI in 2023	AQI in 2024
January	222	285	184	88	121
February	186	214	124	55	72
March	100	190	142	58	71
April	94	190	143	70	70
May	97	87	121	73	79
June	99	97	93	76	61
July	81	72	38	55	38
August	76	68	42	79	31
September	139	51	53	74	42
October	258	156	107	108	95
November	296	302	117	143	141
December	306	218	107	106	78
Annual Avg.	163	154	106	82	75

Source: Daily Bulletin, CPCB.

5. That it is to submit here that Agra has got the awards under Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan conducted by MOEF&CC Government of India for the year 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, details are given below:

Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan – Agra (Category -Ist city, population > 10 Lakh)	
Year 2022-23	Year 2023-24
2 nd	3 rd

Copies of Office order regarding sanction of funds based on the Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE-2.”

6. Learned Counsel for the applicant seeks four weeks to file a rejoinder to the reply of Respondent No. 2.

7. List on 14.05.2025.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

February 04, 2025
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