

Item No. 19

Court No. 1

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

Original Application No. 112/2024
(IA No 430/2025, IA No 45/2024)

Chaudhary Yashwant Singh

Applicant

Versus

Union of India & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 09.10.2025

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

Applicant: Mr. Abhishek Kumar Chaubey, Adv. (Through VC)
Respondents: Mr. Bhanwar Pal Singh Jadon, M s. Hemlata Singh, Ms. Gargi
Chaturvedi & Ms. Anjali Sharma, Advs. for the State of UP
Ms. Asha Gopalan Nair, Adv. for R - 1 (Through VC)
Mr. Saurabh Balwani, Adv. for CPCB
Mr. Pradeep Misra & Mr. Daleep Dhyani, Advs. for UPPCB (Through VC)
Mr. Abhishek Dwivedi, Adv. for R - 5 (Through VC)
Mr. Anil K. Airi, Senior Advocate with Mr. Ravi Krishan Chandna & Mr.
Nischal Aggarwal, Advs. for R - 8

ORDER

1. In this Original application, the Tribunal is considering the issue of illegal construction/operation of toll tax plaza at Village Belkhara, Pargana-Ahraura, Tehsil Chunar, District Mirzapur, by misutilizing and damaging the forest land.
2. In terms of the earlier directions, the DFO, Mirzapur has filed the affidavit dated 08.10.2025 disclosing the assessment of damage caused to the forest and forest property due to the encroachment made by the project proponent A.C.P toll plaza. It has been disclosed that the total area under pathway and temporary structure on the forest land is found to be 0.41 hectares. A vague term “resulting in absence of trees” has been used in the affidavit which was clarified by Counsel for the State of U.P that the same refers to loss of trees. The number and values of trees which have been illegally cut/loss in the process has been calculated as

Rs. 4,49,997/- in reference to 656 trees and the penalty amount has been calculated to be ten times of the value of the tree i.e. Rs. 44,99,970/-.

3. Learned Counsel appearing for the State of U.P. seeks time to file further affidavit disclosing the forest offence which has been registered against the persons responsible for illegal felling of trees, the status of the forest case and also the action which is proposed/taken for restoration of damaged forest.

4. Learned counsel appearing for UPPCB has also sought time to calculate the environmental compensation on account of the damage caused to the environment due to the illegal felling of trees.

5. Learned counsel for the applicant and also the counsel for the project proponent, has sought four weeks' time to file objections to the report of the DFO, Mirzapur.

6. The counsel for Respondent No. 5 also seeks time to place on record the stand of the Respondent No. 5 in respect of the alleged violation by its contractor, Respondent No. 8.

7. List on 16.01.2026.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

October 09, 2025
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