

Item No.03

(Court No. 2)

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPALBENCH**

(By Video Conferencing)

Original Application No.417/2022

Niranjan Bagchi

...Applicant

Versus

State of Uttarakhand

...Respondents

Date of hearing: 12.07.2022

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

Application is registered based on a letter Petition received by Post.

ORDER

1. Mr. Niranjan Bagchi resident of B-605, Panache Valley, Dehradun has sent the present letter petition, which has been treated and registered as Original Application, regarding unauthorized raising of jhuggis on the dry river bed of river Rispana in Dehradun. The applicant has submitted that river Rispana is one of the four main rivers in Dehradun. The quality of water in all the four rivers has deteriorated because of domestic sewage, dairy waste and untreated industrial effluent being discharged into them. These rivers in turn discharge their pollution load in river Ganga at Haridwar. The number of jhuggis increase each year specially since municipal facilities are now available to them. Natural calamity in which overflowing river Rispana created havoc and washed away several habitations with loss of lives have occurred in Dehradun since 2013. Despite these happenings, persons are allowed to build jhuggis in the sensitive area of river bed knowing fully well that a catastrophe may be lurking.

2. In view of the averments made in the application, it would be appropriate to have a factual and action taken report from a Joint Committee comprising of State PCB, Municipal Commissioner, Dehradun and District Magistrate, Dehradun. State PCB will be the Nodal agency for coordination and compliance. The Joint Committee may meet within four weeks, undertake site visits, look into the grievances of the applicant, verify the factual position and take requisite remedial action by following due process of law.

3. Factual and action taken report may be furnished within two months by e-mail at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

List the matter for further consideration on 10.11.2022.

A copy of this order, along with a copy of the application, be forwarded to State PCB, Municipal Commissioner, Dehradun and District Magistrate, Dehradun by e-mail for requisite compliance.

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

July 12, 2022
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