

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

Original Application No. 295/2025

News Item titled "Nayar river is vanishing - a yatra reveals conservation goes beyond science and policy" appearing in The Down To Earth dated 03.06.2025.

Date of hearing: 03.11.2025

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, JUDICIAL MEMBER  
HON'BLE MR. ISHWAR SINGH, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant: Suo Moto.

Respondents: Mr. Anuj Bhandari, Advocate for Respondent No.1.  
Mr. Mukesh Verma, Advocate for respondent no. 2.  
Ms. Payal Bhatia, Advocate for Respondent No.3 (through VC).  
None for respondent no. 4.  
Mr. Gi. Gi. C. George, Advocate for Respondent No.5 (through VC).  
Ms. Anjali Rajput, Advocate, for Respondent no. 6.  
Mr. Rakesh Kumar Singh, Advocate for Respondent No.7.

**ORDER**

1. This Tribunal has taken cognizance by registering the present Original Application suo moto on the basis of News Item titled "Nayar river is vanishing - a yatra reveals conservation goes beyond science and policy" appearing in The Down To Earth dated 03.06.2025.

2. In the course of hearing, responses have been filed by respondent no.1-CPCB, respondent no. 2- UK SPCB, respondent no. 3- UKBB and respondent no. 7-ICAR.

3. None has appeared for respondent no. 4 and no response has been filed by respondent no. 4. Notice may be issued to respondent no. 4 again requiring it to file its response within one month.

4. Learned counsel for respondents no.5 and 6 seek four weeks' time for filing of their responses.

5. Responses by respondents no. 5 and 6 may be filed within one month.

6. In view of the facts and circumstances of the case as mentioned in the newspaper report regarding vanishing of Nayar River, we are of the considered view that it will be appropriate to constitute a Joint Committee to look into all relevant aspects and suggest remedial measures.

7. Accordingly, we constitute a Joint Committee comprising of representatives of Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Dehradun, Central Water Commission, Principal Secretary, Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of Uttarakhand, Principal Secretary, Irrigation and Water Resources, Government of Uttarakhand, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Member Secretary, Uttarakhand State Pollution Control Board (UK SPCB), Director in charge, G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment, Almora, District Magistrate, Almora and Mr. Raman Kant, President, Bhartiya Nadi Parishad, First Floor, Samrat Shopping Mall, Garh Road, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh (Non-Official). The Non-Official Member of the Committee will be paid honorarium of Rs. 50,000/- (one time) besides travelling and boarding/lodging expenses. The expenses of the Committee for convening meetings, travelling, boarding/lodging etc., will be borne by the UK SPCB out of environmental compensation amount lying deposited with it. UK SPCB will be the nodal agency for co-ordination and compliance.

8. The Committee shall look into all relevant aspects pertaining to riverine ecology and aquatic life and in particular the issues of (i) identification /demarcation of area of Nayar River and its translation on GIS Map; (ii) rehabilitation and management of its catchment area; (iii)

encroachments on the same and removal thereof; (iv) tapping of all drains discharging in River Nayar by construction of STPs etc.; (v) review of existing treatment facilities for treatment of industrial effluents and domestic sewage and improvements required to be made and (vi) reuse of treated water from STPs/CETPs for irrigation by connecting the same to irrigation canals/channels and industrial purposes by laying down pipelines connecting the concerned industries as the case may be.

9. Report of the Joint Committee may be filed at least one week before the date hereby fixed.

10. List on 24.02.2026 for further orders/proceeding.

11. A copy of this order may be sent to Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Regional Officer, Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Dehradun, Chairman, Central Water Commission, Principal Secretary, Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of Uttarakhand, Principal Secretary, Irrigation and Water Resources, Government of Uttarakhand, Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Member Secretary, Uttarakhand State Pollution Control Board (UK SPCB), Director in charge, G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment, Almora, District Magistrate, Almora and Mr. Raman Kant, President, Bhartiya Nadi Parishad, First Floor, Samrat Shopping Mall, Garh Road, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh (Non-Official) by email for requisite compliance.

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Ishwar Singh, EM

November 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2025  
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