

Item No. 11

(Court No. 2)

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

(Through Physical Hearing with Hybrid VC Option)

Original Application No. 583/2022

Naveen Rana

...Applicant

Versus

State of Uttarakhand & Ors.

...Respondents

Date of hearing: 20.12.2022

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

Applicant: None.

Respondents: Mr. Rahul Verma, AAG for the State of Uttarakhand.
Mr. Mukesh Verma, Advocate for UKPCB (through VC).

Application is registered based on a letter petition received by Email.

ORDER

1. The grievance in the present letter petition is about large scale illegal encroachments in the form of mobile and stationary vendors stalls spread all over the bank of River Ganga from Ram Jhula to Janki Jhula at Swargashram, Pauri Garhwal (Uttarakhand) which are causing pollution of River Ganga. The vendors have encroached the bathing ghats and even Toilets constructed during Kumbh Mela outside Vanprasth Ashram. The area has become prone to untoward accidents because of use of highly inflammable fuel by the vendors.

2. Vide order dated 14.09.2022, this Tribunal constituted a Joint Committee comprising of the representative of Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board (UKPCB), Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Pauri and

the District Magistrate, Pauri and directed the same to verify the factual position and submit its report within one month.

3. However, report of the Joint Committee has not been received so far.

4. Learned Additional Advocate General for the State of Uttarakhand seeks some more time to file report of the Joint Committee.

5. The request is allowed. The Joint Committee is again directed to submit its report **within one month** by email at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR supported PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

6. It is clarified that if the report is not submitted within the permitted period, exemplary costs may be imposed on the Members of the Joint Committee.

7. List for further consideration on 16.02.2023.

8. A copy of this order be forwarded to the Member Secretary-UKPCB, the Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Pauri and the District Magistrate, Pauri by email for requisite compliance.

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

December 20, 2022
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