

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

Original Application No. 703/2023

News Item titled "**Gramino ne SDM se Kailash Nadi mei avaidh khaman rokane kee maang kee**" appearing in Hindustan dated 31.10.2023.

Date of hearing: 18.04.2024

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

Respondent: Mr. Somesh Chandra Jha, Adv. for MoEF & CC (Through VC)
Mr. Mukesh Verma, Adv. for UKPCB (Through VC)
Ms. Anjali Rajput, Adv. for R - 3

ORDER

1. In this Original Application, registered *suo-moto* on the basis of the news item, the issue under examination relates to large scale illegal mining in Sitarganj at Uttarakhand. The Tribunal by order dated 05.02.2024 had directed RO, MoEF&CC (Respondent No. 4) to carry out the spot inspection and disclose full details including geo-coordinates of the spot where the inspection is done and illegal mining is found, the number and size of pits/voids created on account of illegal mining and persons responsible for the same.

2. Learned Counsel appearing for respondent no. 4 submits that the RO, MoEF&CC, Dehradun has received a copy of the previous order only on 16.04.2024 and seeks two week's time to do the needful in terms of the said order and file the report.

3. The prayer is allowed.

4. List on 26.07.2024.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

April 18, 2024
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