

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

Original Application No. 200/2014
(IA No. 340/2022, MA No. 872/2018,
MA No. 875/2014, MA No. 480/2018)

M. C. Mehta Applicant

Versus

Union of India & Ors. Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 02.05.2025

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

Applicant: Ms. Katyayni, Adv.

Respondent: Ms. Garima Prasad, AAG along with Ms. Priyanka Swami, Adv. with Mr. Sushant Sharma (Through VC), Secretary, Environment, Forest & Climate Change Department, State of UP
Mr. Pradeep Misra & Mr. Daleep Dhyani, Advs. for UPPCB (Through VC)
Mr. Raj Kumar, Adv. for CPCB
Mr. Gigi. C. George & Mr. Ishwer Singh, Advs. for NMCG

ORDER

1. In this original application, the Tribunal is considering the issue of prevention and control of pollution in the river Ganga and today the matter has been taken up in respect of the steps taken by the State of U.P. in this direction.
2. The earlier proceeding clearly reveals that the State is required to disclose the details, District-wise and initially the first ten Districts and thereafter the next ten Districts to be taken up to ensure that no untreated sewage from the untapped drains from those Districts flows to river Ganga or its tributaries.

3. The Tribunal in the proceedings dated 06.11.2024 had sought the information in the following tabulated form:

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<i>I</i>	<i>II</i>	<i>III</i>	<i>IV</i>	<i>V</i>			<i>VI</i>	<i>VII</i>	
<i>Name of Drain</i>	<i>District/Town</i>	<i>If tapped or untapped</i>	<i>Quantity of sewage discharged from the drain</i>	<i>STP to which the drain is proposed to be connected after tapping</i>	<i>Status of land allotted for STP</i>	<i>Status of funds provided for the STP</i>	<i>Timeline for making the STP functional</i>	<i>Timeline for completing the household connectivity to that STP</i>	<i>”</i>

4. Learned AAG appearing for State of UP on 07.04.2025 had made the following submission:

“2. Learned AAG, State of UP submits that within two weeks positively timeline and accountable person not only in respect of these 1st 10 districts but for the next 10 districts will also be disclosed by way of affidavit of Secretary, Environment, State of UP. We make it clear that in that affidavit name and designation of one officer in each district accountable for completing the work within the timeline will be disclosed.”

5. Though thereafter, the affidavit of the Secretary, Environment, Forest and Climate Change, dated 30.04.2025, in compliance with the order dated 07.04.2025 has been filed, but the requisite details with a specific timeline have not been disclosed. Learned AAG has referred to the table on page 41407, which discloses incomplete information without proper timelines and lacks further following information:

- 1. Not disclosing details of drains with flow and load discharging into Ganga directly or through main tributary or Sub-tributary.
- 2. If the drain is tapped, then quantity of effluent diverted to which STP
- 3. If untapped, whether proposal includes its diversion to which STP
- 4. date, month and year by which each drain will be tapped and accountable officer(s) concern.

The disclosure depicts incomplete information relating to District Sonbhadra, Mau, Bhadohi, Jaunpur, Azamgarh, Gorakhpur, Deoria , Khushinagar, Maharajganj, Prayagraj.

6. Learned AAG submits that information has been sought from the District level, but the District Level Authorities have not provided the specific information, therefore, the meeting was again held on 30.04.2025. She has prayed for further two weeks to file the affidavit of Secretary, Environment, Forest and Climate Change, State of U.P. giving complete particulars as required in the table quoted above with full details of drains falling in river Ganga in those Districts and specific timeline with date, month and year by which the drain will be tapped and the flowing of untreated sewage from that drain to river Ganga or its tributaries will be completely stopped.

7. The prayer is accepted and further two weeks' time granted to the Secretary, Environment, Forest and Climate Change to file the affidavit keeping in view the observations made above.

8. List on 29.05.2025.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

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