

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

Original Application No. 200/2014
(C.W.P. No. 3727/1985)
(I.A. No. 340/2022)

M.C. Mehta

Applicant

Versus

Union of India & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 05.12.2023

**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: Mr. Gigi. C. George, Adv. for NMCG
Mr. Rishi K. Awasthi, Mr. Usman G. Khan & Mr. Abhinav, Advs. for the
State of Bihar
Mr. Saurabh Jain, Adv. for the State of Jharkhand (Through VC)

ORDER

1. In this Original Application, the issue relating to prevention, control and abatement of pollution in river Ganga is under consideration and the Tribunal is taking up the issue State-wise and District-wise.
2. Today, the matter is listed for consideration of issue relating to State of Bihar and Jharkhand. The Tribunal by order dated 24.11.2023 had specified the heads and sub-heads under which the information is to be submitted by the District Magistrates of different Districts and the order dated 24.11.2023 was duly circulated to the Chief Secretaries of all the five States including the State of Bihar and Jharkhand. In that order, the heads and sub-heads under which the information was required to be submitted were specified as Sewage, Municipal Solid Waste disposal, Construction and Demolition Waste, Industrial Effluent Discharge,

Regulation of Flood Plain Zone, Bio-Medical Waste and Mining (covering each city/town and villages in the Districts).

3. In the present matter, so far as the State of Bihar is concerned, the reports have been filed by District Magistrate, Vaishali, Darbhanga, Buxar and Katihar but these reports do not disclose the information which has been sought for by the Tribunal by the order dated 24.11.2023. Counsel for the State of Bihar submits that 38 District Magistrates have submitted their reports to the Counsel for the State which is being examined at the end of the Counsel. He submits that now all the 38 Districts will submit fresh reports disclosing head-wise and sub-head wise information as required by the order of the Tribunal dated 24.11.2023. He submits that the reports will be filed within six weeks. He is also directed to tabulate the information from all the reports and place it before the Tribunal on the next date of hearing.

4. So far as the State of Jharkhand is concerned, no report from any of the Districts has been filed. Learned Counsel for the State of Jharkhand submits that the concerned District Magistrates are in the process of preparing the report in light of the order of the Tribunal dated 24.11.2023 and the reports will be filed within six weeks.

5. He is also directed to tabulate the information of all the relevant Districts in a chart form and place it before the Tribunal on the next date of hearing.

6. So far as the issue relating to State of Bihar is concerned, the matter will come up on 19.02.2024 and for the State of Jharkhand, the matter will be listed on 20.02.2024.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

December 05, 2023
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