

**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: 30.07.2024

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant: Ms. Katyayni, Advocate

Respondents: Ms. Garima Prashad, AAG with Ms. Priyanka Swami, Mr. Shlok Mittal &
Ms. Simran Sehgal, Advs. for the State of UP
Mr. Pradeep Misra & Mr. Daleep Dhyani, Advs. for UPPCB (Through VC)
Mr. Gigi. C. George & Mr. Ishwer Singh, Advs. for NMCG

ORDER

1. In this original application, the Tribunal is considering the issue of prevention, control and abatement of pollution of River Ganga.
2. The Tribunal is taking up the issue State-wise/District-wise and today, the matter is listed for considering the progress made in this regard in the **State of Uttar Pradesh**.
3. The Tribunal in the order dated 24.01.2024 had set out the tables mentioning the different heads and sub-heads under which the information was sought for and had taken note of the earlier directions of 24.11.2023 requiring the head-wise furnishing of the information.
4. The report dated 29.07.2024 has been filed by the State of UP disclosing information of 46 districts from page 35137 onwards in the tabulated form.

5. Learned Counsel for the Applicant submits that she is in the process of examining the tabulated information for different districts and ascertaining the progress as compared to the earlier reports of November 2023 and April 2024 to find out if any progress has been made at the ground level.

6. Alongwith the latest report dated 29.07.2024, the State of UP has also placed on record the District Ganga Plans (DGPs) based upon River Basin Management approach in respect of districts Shahjahanpur, Bareilly and Moradabad. Learned Counsel for the Applicant may examine the relevance of such a plan especially when in terms of River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016, the District Level Committees have been assigned with the responsibility in detail and that the action was required to be taken by the District Level Committee right from inception.

7. At this stage, it is worth noting that Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of *Paryavaran Suraksha Samiti & Anr. vs. Union of India & Ors.*, (2017) 5 SCC 326 has fixed the timelines for three years for setting up of STPs and the said timeline had already expired in the year 2020 and for compliance of this direction, the Secretary, Environment Department, State Government was made responsible.

8. Learned AAG for State of UP submits that an application was filed by the State of UP seeking extension of timeline so fixed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the Hon'ble Supreme Court has extended it till June 2025 with certain observations. She is directed to place on record a copy of the IA as also the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on that IA.

9. Let the needful in terms of the above order be done by the parties and requisite details/affidavits be filed atleast one week before the next date of hearing.

10. In terms of the order dated 16.04.2024, NMCG has filed fresh report on 26.07.2024, which is taken on record.

11. List on 23.10.2024.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

July 30, 2024
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