

Item No.1

(Court No. 2)

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

(Through Physical Hearing with Hybrid V.C. Option)

Original Application No. 646/2023

Manoj Kumar Kaushal

...Applicant

Versus

State of Himachal Pradesh & Ors.

...Respondents

Date of hearing: 08.01.2024

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

Applicants: Applicant in Person. (Through VC)

Application is registered based on a complaint received by Post.

ORDER

1. Mr. Manoj Kumar Kaushal, resident of Kotla Kalan Lower Takka Road, Una, Himachal Pradesh has sent the present letter petition by post, which has been treated and registered as original application, complaining about violation of environmental norms in setting up of Industrial Area in village Pandoga, Tehsil Haroli, Upper District Una, Himachal Pradesh in violation of environmental norms.

2. The applicant has submitted that due to setting up of industries, there is cutting of hills and uprooting of trees. About 9930 trees have been cut thereby changing the flora and fauna of entire forest area. One Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) of 5 MLD capacity was proposed to be built but the same has not been built so far.

3. *Prima facie*, the averments made in the application raise questions relating to environment arising out of the implementation of the enactments specified in Schedule I to the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

4. In view of the facts and circumstances of the case we consider it necessary to have the response from (1) State of Himachal Pradesh, through Chief Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh (2) Principal Secretary, Industries, Government of Himachal Pradesh, (3) District Magistrate, Una, (4) Divisional Forest Officer, Una and (5) Himachal Pradesh Pollution Control Board through its Member Secretary who stand impleaded as respondents No. 1 to 5. The Registry is directed to prepare and attach memo of parties to the application. Notices be issued to respondents no. 1 to 5 requiring them to file their reply/response to the averments made in the application **within two months** at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR supported PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

5. List for further consideration on 11.03.2024.

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr.Afroz Ahmad, EM

January 08th, 2024