

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

Original Application No. 646/2023

Manoj Kumar Kaushal

Applicant

Versus

State of Himachal Pradesh & Ors.

Respondents

Date of hearing: 09.01.2026

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

Applicant: Applicant in Person.

Respondents: Mr. Anil Jaryal, Proxy counsel for Mr. Raj Kumar, Advocate for respondents no. 1 to 4.  
Mr. Ashish Johi, Proxy counsel for Mr. Vaibhav Srivastava, AAG for respondent no. 5.  
Mr. Harsh Shukla, Proxy counsel for Mr. K P Jayaram, Advocate for respondent no. 6 (through V.C.).  
Mr. ADN Rao, Senior Advocate with Mr. Madhav Bhatia, Mr. Rahul Mishra and Ms. Amisha Awasthi, Advocates for respondent no. 7.  
Mr. Pareekshit Bishnoi, Advocate for respondent no. 8 (through VC).  
None for respondent no. 9- MoEF & CC (through VC).

**ORDER**

1. Written request for adjournment has been made on behalf of counsel for respondents no. 1 and 2 on the ground of personal difficulty which is not opposed and is, therefore, allowed.
2. None has appeared for respondent no. 9-MoEF&CC despite the fact that presence of respondent no. 9 is essentially required for just and proper disposal of environmental questions involved in the case.
3. The Registry is directed to issue to respondent no. 9-MoEF&CC requiring it to ensure its representation before this Tribunal on the next date of hearing.

4. List on 02.02.2026 for final hearing.

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

January 09<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
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