

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

Original Application No. 726/2023

News Item titled "Deforestation ill-planned construction and unscientific - illegal mining behind Himachal Pradesh's monsoon catastrophe" appearing in The Hindu dated 25.11.2023.

Date of hearing: 26.03.2025

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

Respondent: Mr. Divyanshu Kumar Srivastava, Adv. for the State of HP (Through VC)
Mr. Pursoth Kannan, Adv. for HPSPCB (Through VC)

ORDER

1. Learned Counsel for Himachal Pradesh Pollution Control Board (HPPCB) referring to the status report dated 20.03.2025, has submitted that Environmental Compensation (EC) of Rs.2 53,81,250/- was imposed upon defaulters for unscientific/illegal dumping of muck/debris, out of which Board has recovered the substantial amount and remaining amount to be recovered is Rs.82,68,750/-

2. We find that EC has been imposed only against environmental damage caused due to unscientific/illegal dumping of muck/debris. Report of the HPPCB does not disclose the action taken in respect of other violations such as illegal mining and destruction of forest.

3. Learned Counsel for HPSPCB seeks four weeks to look into the issue and file fresh status report.

4. List on 25.07.2025.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

March 26, 2025
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