

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

Original Application No. 93/2023

In re: News item published in Newspaper ‘The Hindu’ dated 04.02.2023
titled **“19 families shifted after houses in J & K village develop
cracks”**

Date of hearing: 20.09.2023

**CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON
HON’BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER
HON’BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

Respondent(s): Mr. G.M. Kawoosa & Ms. Palak Mittal, Advs. for the UT of J & K
Dr. Harpreet Kaur, Special Secretary (Technical) Forest, Ecology &
Environment Department (Through VC)
Mr. G.D. Alan, Deputy Secretary, Forest, Ecology & Environment
Department (Through VC)

ORDER

1. The issue relates to the damage caused to 21 structures in Doda District of Chenab Valley in Jammu & Kashmir on account of landslide which resulted into displacement of inhabitants.
2. On the direction of the Tribunal, the joint Committee had earlier submitted report dated 24.05.2023.
3. After considering the said report, the Tribunal by order dated 25.05.2023 had issued following directions:

“xxxxxx.....xxx
6. We find that authorities are in the process of consulting stake holders including local population for taking further action pursuant to report. Consultation with local residents and other stake holders was permitted by this Tribunal also in its earlier order dated 17.02.2023. Since the said deliberation is under process, we find it appropriate to grant three months further time to the authorities to finalise the matter, prepare a plan for implementation of the recommendations made in the above report and submit to this

Tribunal. Chief Secretary may set up a Special Task Force of the concerned Heads of Department to finalise modalities of execution. The action plan may have short and long term executable action points. As per requirement, technical assistance may be taken from any of the Member/Institution as per the Committee constituted as well as from any other Institution. If the entire report after hearing the stake holders is accepted and/or reasons are placed before us for any otherwise action proposed by the authorities, an action taken report shall be submitted by 15.09.2023 by e-mail at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/ OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.”

4. Dr. Harpreet Kaur, Special Secretary (Technical) Forest, Ecology & Environment Department and Mr. G.D. Alan, Deputy Secretary, Forest, Ecology & Environment Department have appeared in person through virtual mode. Dr. Harpreet Kaur, Special Secretary appearing on behalf of State of J&K has informed that short-term and long-term action plan in terms of the previous direction of the Tribunal will be prepared within two weeks and that necessary steps for rehabilitation of the displaced families will also be completed expeditiously. She submits that the action taken in terms of earlier direction as also the timeline for completing the rehabilitation action will also be reflected in the report. Let the further report in terms of earlier direction be filed within a period of four weeks by e-mail at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/ OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

5. List on 02.11.2023.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

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