

Item No. 4

(Court No. 2)

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

(Through Physical Hearing with Hybrid VC Option)

Original Application No. 161/2023

Rana Iqbal Singh Jolly & Ors.

...Applicants

Versus

State of Punjab & Ors.

...Respondents

Date of hearing: 31.08.2023

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

Applicant: Mr. Vasu Bhushan and Mr. Sakal Bhushan Advocates.

Respondents: Ms. Sunieta Ojha, Advocate for respondent no. 2-PPCB
(Through VC).
Mr. Pranajay Chopra, Advocate for respondent no. 6-
GMDAA.
Mr. Karan Sharma and Mr. Rishabh Sharma, Advocates
for respondent no. 7-Forest Department.
Mr. Dinesh C. Pandey and Mr. Dushyant, Advocates for
respondent no. 8-The Hermitage (Marriage Palace).

**Original Application has been filed under the provisions of the National
Green Tribunal Act, 2010.**

ORDER

1. The grievance in the present application is regarding organization of large gathering, marriage and other social functions and playing of loud music, use of bright laser strobe lights and firecrackers all through

the night till early morning hours in the premises of respondent no. 8 and thereby causing of air and noise pollution by respondent no. 8 in violation of environmental norms.

2. Vide order dated 14.03.2023 this Tribunal constituted a Joint Committee and directed issuance of notices to the respondents.

3. In compliance thereof the Joint Committee submitted report vide email dated 29.05.2023.

4. Replies have been filed by respondents no. 1 and 2 vide email dated 17.08.2023, by respondents no 3 and 6 vide emails dated 18.08.2023, and by respondent no. 7 and 8 vide emails dated 22.08.2023.

5. In its reply respondent no. 8 has raised objections regarding the bonafides and credentials of the applicants and has also referred to violation of environmental norms by the applicants.

6. Respondent no. 2-PPCB is directed to look into the allegations of the violation of environmental norms by the applicants and other persons as mentioned in the reply filed by respondent no. 8 and file its Status Report within two months by e-mail at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Supported PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

7. The applicants are also directed to file rejoinder to the averments made in reply filed by respondent no. 8, regarding violation of environmental norms by them, within two months by e-mail at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Supported PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

8. List for further consideration on 29.11.2023.
9. A copy of this order be sent to the Member Secretary, PSPCB by email for requisite compliance.
10. Interim Order dated 30.07.2023 shall continue to operate. However, it is clarified that nothing in this interim order shall bar respondent no. 8 from organizing marriage party or such like social functions in the premises in question on grant of CLU/EC/CTE/CTO, as the case may be, in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof and the environmental norms.

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

August 31st, 2023
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