

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

Original Application No.327/2023

In re : News item published in India Today dated 30.04.2023 titled **“3 minors among 11 dead in Ludhiana gas leak, Punjab govt announces Rs 2 lakh ex-gratia”**

Date of hearing: 05.01.2024

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

Respondent: Ms. Soni Singh, Adv. for CPCB (Through VC)  
Mr. Naginder Benipal, Adv. for Municipal Corporation, Ludhiana

**ORDER**

1. In this original application, registered in *suo-moto* exercise of power, incident of gas leak in Giaspura area of the City on April30,2023 resulting in death of 11 persons is under consideration.

2. Earlier, joint committee formed by the Tribunal had submitted the report disclosing that alleged gas leak took place due to escape of gases from the sewer line. This reason was not found to be convincing, therefore, by assigning detailed reasons by the order dated 13.10.2023, the said part of the report was not accepted. Accordingly, an independent committee was formed and fresh report was sought.

3. Learned Counsel for CPCB submits that committee has collected the samples from the concerned units and has obtained sample analysis report. The committee is analyzing those reports, therefore, has sought four weeks time to file the fresh report. The committee in the said report will duly disclose the cause of gas leak and persons/units responsible for

the same and also the proposed action/action taken.Let the report be filed within a period of four weeks.

4. List on 05.03.2024.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

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