

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH**

(By Video Conferencing)

Original Application No.570/2022

Inderjit Singh

...Applicant

Versus

Balwinder Singh

...Respondent

Date of hearing: 10.08.2022

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

Applicant: Applicant in person.

Application under provisions of National Green Tribunal Act, 2010.

ORDER

1. Mr. Inderjit, an NRI, has filed the present application complaining about illegally cutting of big green trees on the berms of the public road.
2. The applicant has submitted that he planted 50 Drek trees on the berms of Village Umarpuri- Uppal Bhuppa public road with the help of his gardener for protection of area environment and strengthening the berms of the road maintained by the Punjab Mandi Board. The above said road is used by nearby village folks for morning and evening walks and also by school going children for going to the educational institutions. Balwinder Singh S/o Sadhu Ram resident of Uppal Bhuppa has illegally cut 11 big green shady trees from the berms of the Umarpuri-Uppal Bhuppa road on 30.05.2022 and sold the same for amount of Rs. 28000/-. He submitted complaints to Village Panchayat, BD & PO, DFO, SHO and other concerned Authorities but no action has been taken on the same. In support of his

application, the applicant has also attached photographs of the trees cut from the berm of the road.

3. Prima facie, the allegations made in the application raise question relating to the environment arising out of the implementation of the enactments specified in Schedule I to the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010. In view of the allegations made in the application, we consider it appropriate that a Joint Committee of the concerned statutory authorities be asked to verify the factual position and take remedial action on the basis thereof. We accordingly constitute Joint Committee of State PCB, Punjab Mandi Board, DFO and Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar and direct the same to meet within two weeks, undertake visits to the site, look into the grievances of the applicant, verify the factual position and take remedial action as mandated by the statutory provisions empowering them in accordance with law after notice to the concerned persons and by following due process of law. State PCB will be the nodal agency for coordination and compliance.

4. Factual and Action Taken Report may be furnished within one month 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.

5. Notice along with copies of the application and documents attached therewith be also issued to Balwinder Singh S/o Sadhu Ram resident of Uppal Bhuppa requiring him to file his response/ reply to the allegations made in the application within one month 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.

6. List for further consideration on 21.09.2022.

7. A copy of this order, along with a copy of the application and documents attached with the same, be forwarded to the State PCB, Punjab

Mandi Board, DFO and Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar by e-mail for compliance.

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

August 10, 2022
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