

Item No.16

Court No. 2

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

(Through Physical Hearing with Hybrid VC Option)

Original Application No.428/2023

S. C. Kaushal

Applicant

Versus

State of Punjab & Ors.

Respondents

Date of hearing: 15.12.2023

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant: Mr. S.C. Kaushal, Applicant in Person (Through VC)

Respondents: Mr. Abhinav Jain & Mr. Shashwat Roy, Advs. for R - 4
with Mr. Harjinder Singh, DDPO, Kapurthala

Mr. Ashok Kumar Garg, Ms. Divita Vyas, Ms. Apoorva
Pandey & Ms. Kavita Agrawal, Advs. for R - 6

Application is registered based on a letter petition received by Post

ORDER

1. Learned Counsel for respondent no. 6 stated that the land in question was let-out to it by Panchayat of village Badshahpur in June 2023 for a rent of Rs. 90,000/- and it is also true that in the inspection done by Joint Committee on 24.08.2023, it was found that certain trees have been cut in the premises in question but there is nothing in its reply to show and prove that the trees were cut earlier to the possession of respondent no. 6 of the land in question and not thereafter. He says that

he may be granted further opportunity to place on record the relevant material to show that the trees were not cut between June 2023 when possession was taken by Project Proponent and 24.08.2023 when the inspection was made by Joint Committee.

2. As prayed, three weeks' time is allowed for filing additional reply, if any. Additional reply be filed within three weeks 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.

3. The concerned District Panchayat Officer shall remain present on the next date of hearing. Further, respondent no. 3 i.e., DFO, Kapurthala shall also inform as to what action has been taken with regard to assessment and recovery of compensation qua the trees illegally cut as reported by Joint Committee.

4. List for further consideration on 24.01.2024.

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

December 15, 2023
AG