

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.446/2022

Balwinder Kumar

.Applicant

Versus

State of Haryana & Ors.

...Respondents

Date of hearing: 08.11.2023

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

Applicant: Applicant in Person.

Respondents: Mr. Rahul Khurana Advocate for Respondents no. 1 to 6
Mr. Narender Pal Singh Advocate for Respondents No. 7, 8 & 11.
None for the respondents no. 9 and 10.

Application is registered based on a letter petition received by Post.

ORDER

1. Learned Counsel for respondents no. 7, 8 and 11 seeks time to file their reply/response.
2. Request is allowed. Reply/response be filed by respondents no. 7, 8 and 11 within two months by email at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Supported PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.
3. In the facts and circumstances of the case we consider presence of the Gram Panchayat, Bhudkala and DDPO, Yamuna Nagar to be necessary for just and fair adjudication of the environmental questions involved in the present case. Accordingly, Gram Panchayat, Bhudkala through its Sarpanch are impleaded as respondents no. 12 and 13. Memo of parties be amended accordingly.

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4. The Registry is directed to issue notice to respondents no. 12-Gram Panchayat, Bhudkala and respondent no. 13-DDPO, Yamuna Nagar requiring them to file their detailed reply/response to the averments made in the application and observations made in the report of the Joint Committee and replies filed by other respondents. The Gram Panchayat, Bhudkala and DDPO, Yamuna Nagar shall specifically mention in their reply/response as to the total area of land which vests in Gram Panchayat, Bhudkala and the present status regarding nature, user, possession, mining, reclamation cultivation, afforestation of the same. Reply/response be filed by respondents no. 12-Gram Panchayat, Bhudkala and respondents no. 13-DDPO, Yamuna Nagar within two months by email at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Supported PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

5. Respondents no. 3 and 6 are directed to file status report in tabular format with all relevant details regarding FIRs registered and criminal cases/complaints filed in respect of cases of illegal mining, cutting of trees and operation of stone crushers over the land in question within two months by email 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 31.01.2024.

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

November 08th, 2023
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