Item No. 18 Court No. 2

BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

Original Application No. 385/2023

Raghbir Singh Applicant

Versus

State of Haryana Respondent

Date of hearing: 30.05.2023

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

Application is registered based on a complaint received by post/e-mail

ORDER

1. Taking cognizance of letter petition dated 02.04.2023 sent by Raghbir Singh, President, Senior Citizen Welfare Society, Sector-23, Panchkula, State of Haryana, this Original Application under Section 14 and 15 of National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 (hereinafter referred to as 'NGT Act, 2010') has been registered.

2. The complaint is that there is a perennial river "Ghaggar" passing though Panchkula. On the river bank site, a number of lumpy infected cows and other cattles have been kept. The diseased animals are spreading infectious and other diseases and sometimes when animals also die, they are buried in the soil of river bed for decomposition of carcass etc. adjoining to which river water flows regularly and thereby river water is also being contaminated. Animal waste consisting livestock manure, unconsumed feed, associated bedding material, urine and animal carcass from mortality

of livestock are heaped as landfill activities. The leachates released from mass carcasses, buried sites, livestock, fecal waste can have negative impact on the ground water quality and can be a potential source of conventional contamination of ground water both chemical and biological.

3. Looking to the allegations made in the complaint, we find that a substantial question relating to environment due to implementation of Scheduled Enactment under NGT Act, 2010 has arisen. However, before taking any further action in the matter we find it appropriate to obtain a factual report for the purpose whereof we constitute a Joint Committee comprising State PCB, Veterinary Department and District Magistrate, Panchkula who shall visit the site, collect relevant information and submit a factual as well as action taken, if any, report within two months by e-mail at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/ OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

4. State PCB shall be the nodal agency for coordination and compliance of this order.

5. List this matter on 04.08.2023.

6. A copy of this order be forwarded to State PCB, Veterinary Department and District Magistrate, Panchkula by e-mail for compliance.

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

May 30, 2023
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