

Item No.3

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
CENTRAL ZONE BENCH, BHOPAL
(Through Video Conferencing)
Original Application No. 117/2023(CZ)**

In Re : Article published in the News paper
"Dainik Bhaskar Daily" dated 24.09.2023, Bhopal
edition reported by Manish Kushwah with regard
to illegal mining in district Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh

Applicant(s)

Vs.

State of Madhya Pradesh & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of Hearing: **11.01.2024**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEO KUMAR SINGH, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

For Applicant (s):	None.
For Respondent(s):	Mr. Prashant M. Harne, Adv. Mr. Mehul Bhardwaj, Adv. Ms. Parul Bhadoria, Adv.

ORDER

1. The matter of illegal mining in District Vidisha, Ganj Basoda, Tehsil in Village Udaipur, Pathari, Ghatera, Pathari, Noorpur situated at the distance of approximately 120 km has been highlighted in this original application where more than 500 illegal minings were in operation within the area of 5 km by use of heavy machines and by the order dated 25.09.2023 a committee was directed to submit the factual and action taken report and vide report dated 01.11.2023 the Pollution Control Board has submitted that the member of the committee visited the site and found that there are illegal minings but due to election activities full inspection was not conducted and report was not prepared and thus minimum eight week's time was sought to submit the report. The report has not been submitted till yet.

2. The DFO, Forest Department, District Vidisha is directed to submit the personal affidavit with the reply with regard to the allegations in the original application and the nature of land recorded in the revenue records and the protection of the forest land. The Forest Department has to further submit the report and reply as to whether the forest land has been permitted to be utilized for the sand mining activities illegally without procedure for ulterior motives. Report and reply be filed before the next date of hearing.

List it on **11th March, 2024.**

Sheo Kumar Singh, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

11th January, 2024
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