

Item No. 02

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
CENTRAL ZONE BENCH, BHOPAL
(Through Video Conferencing)
Original Application No. 174/2023(CZ)**

Suo Moto Action on the News Paper
Article Published in Dainik Bhaskar
Daily, Dated 27.11.2023 regarding
illegal sand mining and killing of
official on duty in Sahdol District of
Madhya Pradesh

Applicant(s)

Vs.

State of Madhya Pradesh & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of Hearing: **05.12.2023**

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

For Applicant(s): None.

For Respondent(s): None.

ORDER

1. The high handedness of sand mafias in the District Sahadol of Madhya Pradesh was highlighted by the newspaper article published in Dainik Bhaskar Daily dated 27.11.2023 regarding illegal sand mining and killing of official on duty named Mr. Prasanna Singh working as Patwari, Vyohari Sahadol MP, who was a retired army personnel and later on was appointed as Patwari and was deputed by the District Administration to control the illegal sand mining and transportation.
2. The deceased being Patwari and deputed to work and being retired army personnel was doing his duty from more than three days to control the illegal mining during day and night and when he saw the transportation of sand mining by a tractor, he tried to stop the vehicle but the driver of the vehicle crushed him and he died on the spot.
3. It is reported that there are repeated violations of environmental rules and illegal sand minings and the officers who are involved in the control of sand minings are crushed brutally by the sand mafias and necessary actions are not being initiated by the administration.

4. Following are made respondents :-
- i. State of Madhya Pradesh through District Magistrate, Sahdol, M.P.
 - ii. Mining Officer, Sahdol, M.P.
 - iii. Mr. Narayan Singh Maihar through concerned Police Station (owner of the Tractor used for illegal mining).
 - iv. Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board.
 - v. Mr. Subham, driver of the vehicle.
5. Issue notice to respondent returnable within four weeks. Office/Registry is directed to take necessary steps. Respondents are directed to submit their reply within six weeks.
6. We deem it just and proper to call a report on the matter in issue in present Original Application, from a Joint Committee consisting of:-
- i. Mining Officer, Sahdol, M.P.
 - ii. One representative from the State Pollution Control Board, M.P.
7. The Committee is directed to visit the place and submit the factual and action taken report within four weeks. The State PCB will be the nodal agency for coordination and logistic support.
8. The vehicle be seized and will not be released without the order of this Tribunal.
9. The report in the matter be filed by the Committee through email at ngtczbbho-mp@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

List it on **25th January, 2024.**

Sheo Kumar Singh, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

05th December, 2023
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