

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
WESTERN ZONE BENCH, PUNE**

[THROUGH PHYSICAL HEARING (WITH HYBRID OPTION)]

**ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO.162 OF 2023 (WZ)
[Earlier Letter Petition No.35/2023]**

Mr. Gopal Rangnath Kachave

.....Applicant

Versus

District Collector Pune & Anr.

....Respondents

Date of hearing: 26.09.2025

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DINESH KUMAR SINGH, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. VIJAY KULKARNI, EXPERT MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. SUJIT KUMAR BAJPAYEE, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant	:	None present.
Respondents	:	Mr. Shivshankar Swaminathan, Advocate for R-2/PCMC Mr. R.B. Mahabal, Advocate for R-3 to 22 Ms. Supriya Dangare, Advocate for R-23/Irri. Deptt.

ORDER

1. From the side of Respondent Nos.3 to 22, learned counsel Mr. R.B. Mahabal has appeared and filed reply affidavit dated 25.09.2025, wherein it is specifically submitted that a Joint Committee may be constituted comprising MPCB and PCMC, including the representative of the Irrigation Department, to visit and inspect the site to study the possibility of these residential units affecting or obstructing the “flow” of the Indrayani River or the flow of Nallah leading to river.

2. In regard to the above, learned counsel for Respondent No.2- PCMC has submitted that there is no requirement of any Joint Committee to be constituted, however, he is agreeing to the fact that Irrigation Department is a relevant party herein, which has not been impleaded so far. Therefore,

we direct the Registry to implead the Chief Engineer, Irrigation Department, Pune as Respondent No.23 in the present Original Application and place on record an amended memo of parties.

3. Since learned counsel Ms. Supriya Dangare accepts notice on behalf of newly impleaded Respondent No.23, notice is waived against Respondent No.23. We direct the Registry to serve a copy of the present Original Application along-with annexures upon her through e-mail.

4. In view of above, we deem it appropriate to constitute a Joint Committee comprising one member each of: (1) Irrigation Department, Pune; (2) District Collector, Pune; and (iii) Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC).

5. The District Collector, Pune shall be the nodal agency for coordination and logistic support.

6. The Joint Committee is directed to visit the site in question within one month after giving prior notice to Respondent Nos.3 to 22/their counsel and submit report with respect to the fact as to whether the constructions of Respondent Nos.3 to 22 fall within the blue/red flood line of River Indrayani; whether these constructions are causing any obstruction to the flow of the Indrayani River or the Nallah leading to river; and any other relevant fact which they may find at the site in question, and submit a factual report within one month.

7. The report in the matter be submitted by the District Collector through e-filing by using portal of NGT in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

8. Put up this matter for further consideration on 07.01.2026.

9. A copy of this order be communicated to the above-mentioned Joint Committee for compliance.

Dinesh Kumar Singh, JM

Dr. Vijay Kulkarni, EM

Dr. Sujit Kumar Bajpayee, EM

September 26, 2025
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