

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

Inward No. NGT/WZ/Pune/719/2023
dated 11.09.2023
(Complaint dated 09.09.2023)

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

ORDER

1. Perused the report of the learned Registrar dated 15.09.2023 with respect to a complaint/letter received from one Shri Ganesh Nathuji Surjuse pertaining to illegal sand mining with a view to making use of the same in running illegal brick kilns at Taluka: Balapur, District: Akola in collusion with the Government officials, which is resulting in huge air pollution in the area in question. It does not disclose the name/s of the concerned person/s as to who is/are indulging in this illegal activity.
2. *Prima facie*, we find substance in the complaint and allegations made therein. Therefore, we deem it appropriate to call for a report from the District Collector, Akola as well as the Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) with respect to the truthfulness of this complaint made to us, which shall be verified after visiting the spot by the responsible Officers of the said authorities.
3. This report shall be submitted by the above-mentioned authorities within a period of four weeks.
4. A copy of this order along-with the copy of complaint be sent to the above-mentioned authorities for compliance as above.

Dinesh Kumar Singh, JM

Date: 25-09-2023

Dr. Vijay Kulkarni, EM