

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

THROUGH PHYSICAL HEARING (WITH HYBRID OPTION)

Original Application No.222/2023(WZ)

Mrs. Mangal W/o Vishnu Bodkhe & 4 Ors.

Applicants

Versus

M/s. Matrix Life Science Pvt Ltd & 3 Ors.

Respondents

Date of hearing: 24.02.2026

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

Applicants: Ms. Shriya Awale h/f Mr. Asim Sarode, Advocates

Respondents: Mr. Sachin Gore, Mr. Raghunath B. Mahabal, Advocates for R-1
Ms. Manasi Joshi and Ms. Pooja Natu, Advocates for R-2
Mr. Aniruddha Kulkarni, Advocate for R-3
Mr. Pushkal Mishra, Advocate for R-4
Mr. V.V. Gujar, Advocate for R-5

ORDER

1. Today, the Joint Committee Report is to be disposed of by us in the light of the objections made by the learned counsel for the applicant.

2. The Joint Committee Report which is annexed at pages no. 711 to 739 contains that water in the visited wells was found yellowish in colour. Industrial effluent and sewage generated from the industry located in MIDC Paithan area were said to be the main reason for depleting ground water quality. The District Agriculture Office's report suggested that contaminated ground water was the main reason for soil contamination of agricultural fields that decreased the crop yield mainly during the last 4 to 5 years. In-depth scientific study was recommended to be carried out through the expert technical institute in the field of ground water management under the supervision of Central Ground Water Authority

(CGWA) to identify the horizontal and vertical propagation of the contaminants in the ground water of the area.

3. The objection which has been raised by the applicant against the said report is dated 04.10.2025 in which it is mentioned that M/s. Matrix Global Specialty Private Limited and M/s. Dakshayani Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. are discharging untreated effluent in the open area of 1000 square meters but their names are not mentioned in the Joint Committee Report. Further, it is mentioned that the recommendation with respect to in-depth study by expert technical institute also has not been carried out, therefore, it is prayed in the reply that a direction may be issued to either VNIT and Joint Committee to further carry out in-depth study in order to identify the horizontal and vertical propagation of the contaminants in the ground water. Further, it is orally submitted by the learned counsel that the MPCB has already considerably delayed taking steps in the direction of conducting this study.

4. We have gone through the objections as well as the Joint Committee Report and are of the view that it would be appropriate to direct the MPCB to get study conducted through Institute for Chemical Technology (ICT) to identify the horizontal and vertical propagation as proposed in the Joint Committee Report, for which learned counsel for the MPCB seeks three months' time to submit the same. We grant her the said time.

5. Put up this matter for next consideration on 30.06.2026

Dinesh Kumar Singh, JM

Dr. Sujit Kumar Bajpayee, EM

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