

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL  
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

Original Application No. 829/2019

Lt. Col. Sarvadaman Singh Oberoi

Applicant(s)

Versus

Union of India & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 17.09.2019

**CORAM:** HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADARSH KUMAR GOEL, CHAIRPERSON  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.P WANGDI, JUDICIAL MEMBER  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. RAMAKRISHNAN, JUDICIAL MEMBER  
HON'BLE DR. NAGIN NANDA, EXPERT MEMBER

For Applicant:

Ms. Nivedita Sharma along with Ms. Sonia Rana,  
Advocates

**ORDER**

This application seeks direction to formulate an action plan to restore sea water quality along the Indian Coastal areas. Reliance has been placed on report of CPCB "Classification of Indian Coasts and Conflicts" (1982-86) referring to marine pollution by sewage and other discharge in violation of environment laws. The issue raised is too general. Individual issues of scientific handling of solid waste and other waste as well as sewage are already subject matter of proceedings before this Tribunal in several matters.<sup>1</sup> The Tribunal has directed that no untreated sewage/industrial effluent be discharged into any water bodies (which includes coastal waters). Any violation is to result in compensation starting from 01.04.2020.<sup>2</sup> The Tribunal is also considering the issue of remedying 351 identified

<sup>1</sup> Compliance of Municipal Solid Waste Rules, 2016, O.A. No. 606/2018, Paryavaran Suraksha Samiti & Anr. v. UOI, O.A. No. 593/2017

<sup>2</sup> Paryavaran Suraksha Samiti & Anr. v. UOI, O.A. No. 593/2017, at para 21(iii)

polluted river stretches<sup>3</sup>. The directions issued therein includes steps for controlling industrial and municipal sewage which may result in marine pollution. The subject of preventing untreated sewage and industrial effluents being discharged in the sea can also be gone into the said case. The CPCB has issued directions dated 15.12.2016, under Section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 on the subject, to all the State PCB/PCCs to ensure that no sewage or industrial pollution is discharged in coastal waters. CPCB may file latest status report on the subject in O.A No. 673/2018. The District Magistrates may also cover the subject of coastal and marine pollution in the District Environment Plans to be prepared with reference to order of this Tribunal dated 15.07.2019<sup>4</sup> and furnish reports to the Chief Secretary concerned. The Chief Secretaries of the concerned States/UTs may also include the subject in their monitoring and in the reports furnished to this Tribunal in O.A No. 606/2018.

In view of above, we do not find any ground to entertain this application to avoid duplication.

The application is disposed of. A copy of this order be sent to CPCB and SPCBs/PCCs and Chief Secretaries of the concerned States.

Adarsh Kumar Goel, CP

S.P Wangdi, JM

K. Ramakrishnan, JM

Dr. Nagin Nanda, EM

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<sup>3</sup> Original Application No. 673/2018

<sup>4</sup> Original Application No. 710/2017 at para 8