

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

(By Video Conferencing)

Original Application No. 138/2016

WITH

Original Application No 139/2016

(With Letter received from Monitoring Committee dated 05.04.2021)

Stench Grips Mansa's Sacred Ghaggar River

Date of hearing: 16.04.2021

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADARSH KUMAR GOEL, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. NAGIN NANDA, EXPERT MEMBER**

ORDER

1. This letter has been received from Justice Pritam Pal, former Judge of Punjab and Haryana High Court in his capacity as Chairman of the Monitoring Committee constituted by this Tribunal to oversee the compliance of directions of this Tribunal on certain environmental issues. While the issue of remedial action for rejuvenation of river Ghaggar, which was being monitored by the Committee, stands concluded vide order dated 16.03.2021 in O.A. No. 138/2016, *Stench Grips Mansa's Sacred Ghaggar River v. Joginder Kumar*, certain other issues are being dealt with by the Monitoring Committee, including compliance by stone crushers and solid waste management in Haryana.

2. Letter seeks clarification about payment of honorarium and further tenure of the Committee. So far, the honorarium was being paid jointly by the States of Punjab, Haryana and Himachal and UT Chandigarh as the work relating to river Ghaggar covered all the said States.

Accordingly, after 16.03.2021, the honorarium of the Committee be paid by the State of Haryana exclusively. The Monitoring Committee may complete its work till 30.06.2021 for the remaining issues and thereafter, the Chief Secretary, Haryana may decide on need for the Committee.

The letter is disposed of accordingly.

A copy of this order be forwarded to Justice Pritam Pal, former Judge of Punjab and Haryana High Court and Chief Secretary, Haryana by e-mail.

Adarsh Kumar Goel, CP

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. Nagin Nanda, EM

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