

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
CENTRAL ZONE BENCH, BHOPAL
(Through Video Conferencing)**

Original Application No. 75/2021(CZ)

Smt. Geeta @ Laxmi Meena

Applicant(s)

Versus

State of Madhya Pradesh & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: **28.09.2021**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEO KUMAR SINGH, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. ARUN KUMAR VERMA, EXPERT MEMBER**

For Applicant(s) : Mr. Rohit Sharma, Adv.

For Respondent(s) : None.

ORDER

1. Issue raised in this application is illegal sand mining being carried out in the village Chipaner & Chouraskhedhi, Tehsil Nasrullganj of District Sehore by means of tractors, dumpers & trollies along side of the River Narmada during night hours, mining through means of pandubbies and causing damage to the environment.
2. It is further alleged that the Sub-Divisional Magistrate carried out a drive and seized more than 13 vehicles, which were involved in the illegal sand mining and transportation. The contractor M/s Power Mech has established 04 separate Ghats at Village Chipaner and continuously excavating sand and transporting the same through these 04 Ghats without any declared or demarcated, auctioned sand quarries enabling the entire sand extraction as illegal.
3. Issue notice to the respondents, returnable within four weeks. Respondents are directed to submit their reply within four weeks through E-filing portal, preferably in the form of searchable PDF/ OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

4. Applicant is directed to take necessary steps for service to the respondents by both ways and also on available email.
5. We deem it just and proper to call a report on the matter in issue, in present Original Application, from a Joint Committee consisting of:-
 - (i) Collector, Sehore (M.P.)
 - (ii) District Mining Officer, Sehore (M.P.)
 - (iii) A representative of Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board
 - (iv) A representative of Central Pollution Control Board.
6. The Committee is directed to visit the place and submit the factual and action taken report within six weeks. The State PCB will be the nodal agency for coordination and logistic support.
7. The Collector, Sehore is directed to ensure that the compliance of guidelines of the Sustainable Sand Mining Management Guidelines, 2016 & The Enforcement and Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining, 2020 and also to ensure that there shall not be any illegal mining and/or any illegal transportation of the sand mining from Itarsipata, Sehore connecting roads.
8. Applicant is directed to supply the copy of the application and relevant documents to the Committee and Respondent(s) within a week and after compliance of service, the applicant has to submit an affidavit that the notice and copy of the application have been served upon the Committee and respondent(s).
9. The report in the matter be filed by the Committee through email at ngtczbbho-mp@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

List it on **02nd December, 2021.**

Sheo Kumar Singh, JM

Arun Kumar Verma, EM

28th September, 2021
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