

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

Original Application No. 24/2021 (CZ)

Ramakant Kaurav

Applicant(s)

Versus

State of Madhya Pradesh

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 28.05.2021

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

For Applicant(s):

Mr. Prabhat Yadav, Advocate

For Respondent(s):

**ORDER**

1. The issue raised in this Original Application is illegal sand mining in the basin of holy river Narmada, Dudhi & Sitareva in District Narsinghpur MP, as a result, indiscriminate and rampant illegal sand mining is going on by Respondent no. 7 with uses of heavy machineries like poclain machine, earth mover machine and other heavy machineries in sand mines in District Narsinghpur MP.
2. A substantial issue of environment has been raised.
3. Issue notice to the respondents. Returnable within four weeks.
4. Service of notices, summons and pleadings etc. have not been possible during the period of COVID because this involves visits to post offices, courier companies or physical delivery of notices, summons and pleadings. We, therefore, consider it appropriate to direct that such services of all the above may be effected by e-mail, FAX, commonly used instant messaging services, such as WhatsApp, Telegram, Signal etc. However, if a party intends to effect service by means of said instant messaging services, we direct that in addition thereto, the party must

also affect service of the same document/documents by e-mail, simultaneously on the same date".

5. The applicant is directed to provide the mobile Whats App no. and email address of all the respondents, if possible and applicants and respondents are directed that at the time of filing the application or reply, the party concerned has to provide Whats App no. and email I.D. so that the summons and notices may be served immediately for compliance and for further disposal and proceeding of the case.
6. Applicant is directed to take necessary steps for service to the respondents by both ways and also on available email.
7. Respondents are directed to submit their reply within six weeks by email at [ngtczbbho-mp@gov.in](mailto:ngtczbbho-mp@gov.in) preferably in the form of searchable PDF/ OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.
8. We deem it just and proper to call a report on the matter in issue in present application, from a Joint Committee consisting of:-
  - (i) The Collector, District Narsinghpur.
  - (ii) District Mining Officer , Mining Office, Narsinghpur.
  - (iii) Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board or its representative.
9. 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
10. The report in the matter be filed by the Committee by email at [ngtczbbho-mp@gov.in](mailto:ngtczbbho-mp@gov.in) preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.
11. Applicant is directed to supply the required documents and copy of the application to the Committee within a week.
12. List it on **31<sup>st</sup> August, 2021**.

Sheo Kumar Singh, JM

Arun Kumar Verma, EM

May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
O.A. 24/2021(CZ)  
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