

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

**Original Application No. 427/2017  
(Earlier O.A. NO. 486/2014)**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**Gauri Maulekhi Vs. Union of India & Ors.**

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE U.D.SALVI, JUDICIAL MEMBER, ACTING CHAIRPERSON  
HON'BLE DR. NAGIN NANDA, EXPERT MEMBER**

**Present: Applicant: Mr. Rahul Choudhary, Mr. Utkarsh Sharma and Ms. Meera Gopal, Advs.  
Respondent No. 6 : Mr. Sanjay upadhyay with Ms. Eisha Krishn and Ms. Upama Bhattacharjee, Advs.  
Mr. Raj Kumar, Adv and Mr. Bhupender Kr., LA for Central Pollution Control Board  
Mr. Mukesh Verma, Adv.**

<b>Date and Remarks</b>	<b>Orders of the Tribunal</b>
<b>Item No. 03 January 15, 2018 Jg</b>	<p>In pursuance to the order/judgment dated 4-5-2016 we had constituted the Joint Inspection Team comprising of Senior Scientists each from Department of Environment, University of Jammu, Central Pollution Control Board and IIT-Roorkee, Saharanpur to carry out survey and study of the area in question that is the area affected by the operations of Respondent no.6- M/s. Century Pulp &amp; Paper Mill and Gaula River to ascertain environmental degradation caused, and to suggest remedial measures to be taken for restoration of the environment.</p> <p>The Joint Inspection Team has placed before us report dated 23-08-2016 and suggested the following environmental remedial action plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Century Paper Mill should install Mark II hand pumps in Bindukhatta, Shantipuri Villages/village alongside Paha drain(where shallow hand pumps have been installed Or where hand pumps are not available.</li><li>2. The Century Paper Mill should de-sludge the “ Paha nallah” at least upto 5 kms down and also carry out regular inspection of drain line.</li><li>3. Century Paper Mill should initiate welfare programmes such as soil health testing and awareness programme for</li></ol>

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crop selection, soil fertility etc. for the benefit of villagers.

4. Century Paper Mill should maximize the reuse of the treated effluent within the premises such as for log washing, chip washing, fire hydrant line, floor cleaning, dust suppression and gardening etc.

5. Century Paper Mill should explore the feasibility of use of treated effluent for irrigation purpose in a scientific and controlled manner.

The Respondent no.6- M/s. Century Pulp & Paper Mill has no quarrel with this report. It is, therefore, necessary to implement the remedial action plan in action despite some reservations of the applicant.

We, therefore direct the Respondent no.6- M/s. Century Pulp & Paper Mill to install Mark II hand pumps in Bindukhatta, Shantipuri Villages/village alongside Paha drain(where shallow hand pumps have been installed Or where hand pumps are not available) within two months from today.

We direct Mr. Kamlesh Singh, Scientist D from Central Pollution Control Board-who has been the part of the Joint Inspection Team to point out the locations for installation of Mark II hand pumps in Bindukhatta, Shantipuri Villages to respondent no.6- M/s. Century Pulp & Paper Mill within a week.

Respondent no.6- M/s. Century Pulp & Paper Mill is further directed to de-sludge the " Paha nallah" as suggested in remedial action plan and finish the work before onset of monsoon. Sludge removed shall be disposed of as per the advice of CPCB.

Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the applicant submits that the Joint Inspection Team ought to have undertaken the exercise of collection the samples and its analysis not during the monsoon but either pre-monsoon or post-monsoon.

We, therefore, further direct the Joint Inspection Team to

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