

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

Original Application No. 505/2024

News item titled “उत्तर प्रदेश खनन से संकुचित होता कृषि क्षेत्र, धरती का सीना चीर चल रही हैं मशीनें, एनजीटी में शिकायत” appearing in Amar Ujala dated 02.03.2024

Date of hearing: 08.05.2024

**CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON  
HON’BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

**ORDER**

1. This Original Application is registered *suo-motu* on the basis of the news item titled “उत्तर प्रदेश खनन से संकुचित होता कृषि क्षेत्र, धरती का सीना चीर चल रही हैं मशीनें, एनजीटी में शिकायत” appearing in Amar Ujala dated 02.03.2024. The news item relates to the alleged illegal mining which is taking place near the Aung police station area in Fatehpur district, Uttar Pradesh. The news item refers to a viral video showing that the trees, plants and hills are being destroyed on account of illegal mining. It also discloses that the illegal mining is affecting the environment and on account of such illegal mining the agricultural land is shrinking. It also discloses that a big area of the forest department is in Ashapur - Abhaypur village and by illegal mining the forest area is also being destroyed. The complaint is about mining upto the depth of 25-30 feet by one local leader of Abhaypur.

2. The news item raises substantial issue relating to compliance of the environmental norms and implementation of the provisions of scheduled enactment.

3. Power of the Tribunal to take up the matter *suo-motu* has been recognized by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in the matter of “*Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai vs. Ankita Sinha & Ors.*” reported in 2021 SCC Online SC 897.

4. Hence, we implead following as respondents in this matter:

- (i) Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, through its Member Secretary, Building No. TC-12V, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow – 226 010
- (ii) Central Pollution Control Board, through its Member Secretary, Parivesh Bhawan, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi – 110 032
- (iii) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office (CZ), Kendriya Bhawan, 5th Floor, Sector 'H' Aliganj, Lucknow – 226 020
- (iv) District Magistrate, Fatehpur, DM Office, Collectorate Campus, Fatehpur – 212 601

5. Let notice be issued to the above respondents for filing their response atleast one week before the next date of hearing by e-mail at [judicial-ngt@gov.in](mailto:judicial-ngt@gov.in) preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

6. List on 21.08.2024

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

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