

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

Original Application No. 1046/2024

News item appearing in India.com dated 27.07.2024 titled Saving Kashmir Brown Bears is a Race Against Time Wildlife SOS and J & K Wildlife Protection Dept take challenge

Date of hearing: 02.01.2025

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

Respondents: Mr. Praveen Mishra & Mr. Anand Prakash, Advs. for CPCB
Mr. Ghansham Singh, Member Secretary, J&K PCC (Through VC)
Mr. R.K. Mehta, Adv. for R - 1 (Through VC)
Mr. Prashant Singh & Mr. M.N. Gopinadh, Advs. for R - 3

ORDER

1. In this original application, registered *suo-motu*, the Tribunal is considering the issue of protecting the habitat of Himalayan Brown Bear which is depleting due to unplanned disposal and treatment of waste in Sonmarg region of Kashmir. By the order dated 05.08.2024, six Respondents were impleaded and notices were issued to them.

2. It is being pointed out that for the proper adjudication of issue, the following parties are required to be impleaded:-

1. Sonmarg Development Authority
Through the CEO
Ganderbal, NH-1D, Srinagar Ladakh Highway,
Ganderbal Sonamarg Road,
Sonamarg, Jammu and Kashmir 191201
2. Director General, Rural Sanitation
Gandhi Nagar,
Jammu & Kashmir
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife)
Van Bhavan, Prem Nagar,
Old Heritage City, Jammu,
Jammu and Kashmir 180016

3. Issue notice to the above newly added Respondents No. 7 to 9 for filing the response by way of affidavit at least one week before the next date of hearing.

4. List on 22.04.2025.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

January 02, 2025
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