

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

Original Application No. 906/2024
(I.A. Nos. 687/2024 & 600/2024)

Varsha Aggarwal & Ors.

Applicant(s)

Versus

Union of India & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 21.04.2025

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL, JUDICIAL MEMBER
MEMBER HON'BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant: Mr. Kamal Singh, Advocate for Applicant

Respondent: Mr. Pradeep Misra & Mr. Daleep Dhyani, Advs. for UPPCB (Through VC)
Mr. Deepesh Raj, Adv. for Noida Authority
Mr. Rohan Gupta, Adv. for MoEF & CC (Through VC)

ORDER

1. Learned Counsel for the applicant has submitted that reply to the IA No. 687/2024 has not been filed by respondents till now.
2. Learned Counsel appearing for NOIDA has initially submitted that a copy of the IA No. 687/2024 was not served upon NOIDA, therefore, reply has not been filed but when Counsel for the applicant confronted him with the service proof of the IA, Learned Counsel for the NOIDA has tendered apology for making an incorrect statement before the Tribunal. We expect an Advocate to be fair to the Tribunal while making such statement.
3. Be that as it may, since Counsel for NOIDA has tendered an apology, therefore, we don't intend to take any further action in this regard.

4. Learned Counsel for NOIDA seeks four weeks to file the reply to the IA No. 687/2024.

5. Applicant has prayed for interim direction in the meanwhile. Plea of the applicant is that respondent no.3-project proponent is making major changes in the township in violation of the environmental norms and the area of the township is located in the Yamuna river bed and the area comes under designated National Bird Sanctuary i.e. Okhla Bird Sanctuary and construction is being raised on the green area.

6. In spite of the repeated opportunity, neither response has been filed by respondent no.2-NOIDA nor by respondent no.3-project proponent. Construction on the flood plain of river Yamuna or in violation of any environmental norms cannot be allowed to continue. Hence, we direct all the concerned authorities to ensure that no illegal construction is raised by project proponent in the meanwhile on the flood plain zone of river Yamuna in violation of the River Ganga (Rejuvenation, Protection and Management) Authorities Order, 2016 dated 07.10.2016 and also that no construction is done by respondent no.3 in violation of the environmental norms till the next date of hearing.

7. List on 21.08.2025.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

April 21, 2025
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