

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

Original Application No. 827/2024

News Item titled "Noida authority dumping treated water into drains alleges activist" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 11.06.2024

Date of hearing: 06.02.2025

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

Respondent: Mr. Abdhesh Chaudhary & Mr. Nishi Kant Singh, Advs. for Nodia Authority
Mr. Pradeep Misra & Mr. Daleep Dhyani, Advs. for UPPCB (Through VC)

ORDER

1. In this original application, registered *suo-moto*, Tribunal is examining the allegation of discharge of treated water from the STP by New Okhla Industrial Development Authority (NOIDA) in the drain instead of utilising it for irrigation and other purposes.

2. Short reply dated 15.10.2024 on behalf of respondent no.2-NOIDA Authority has been filed which discloses that presently NOIDA is generating 260 MLD of treated water from STPs, out of which it is using only 68 MLD of treated water and is discharging 192 MLD of treated water in drains. Disclosure made by NOIDA Authority in its reply in this regard is as under:

“5. *That with the present infrastructure the Noida Authority is capable of reusing 68 MLD treated water out of total 260 MLD treated water and as such it is discharging rest of the 192 MLD treated water in drains. It is submitted that Noida Authority is making all efforts to expand its infrastructure to that consumption of treated water could be increased and as such in this regard it is laying down supply pipe line for connecting STP situated at Sector 123 to the adjoining Sector of 74 to 79, 112, 113, 115, 116, 117 & 118. The said laying down of pipe line is in advance stage and the same is likely to be completed by December, 2024. It is pertinent to mention here that with the resumption of supply pipe line connecting STP situated at Sector*

123 to the adjoining Sector of 74 to 79, 112, 113, 115, 116, 117 & 118, the treated water consumption capacity of Noida Authority would increase by 18 to 20 MLD.

6. *It is submitted that besides the aforesaid the Noida Authority in its effort to expand the consumption of reused/treated water, is laying down supply pipe line for connecting STP situated in Sector 168 to adjoining Sectors 83, 85, 88, 91, 135, 136, 137, 150, 151A & Sector 157 for which the e tendering process is in the advance stage. It is further submitted that after laying down of said pipe line the treated water consumption would increase approximately 20 to 22 MLD by next year.”*

3. Though in the above reply, it is stated that laying of pipelines for connecting the STPs was in the advance stage and same was likely to be completed by December, 2024 but Learned Counsel for respondent no.2 has informed that work is not yet complete and he is not in a position to disclose as to how much progress in the work for laying of pipeline has been made and what percentage of work remains to be completed.

4. The candid admission of Learned Counsel appearing for respondent no.2 is that about 20% of STP treated water is being presently utilized and the rest is thrown/discharged in the drain by respondent no.2.

5. STP treated water has its own value since it can be utilized in different projects, which can help in saving natural water.

6. Hence, respondent no.2 is required to ensure 100% utilization of STP treated water. We direct respondent no. 2 to place on record the comprehensive plan along with the timeline for 100% utilisation of STP treated water. Let the same be filed within a period of four weeks.

7. List on 15.05.2025.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

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