

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

Original Application No. 1233/2024

News Item titled "Heavy metals in PM 2.5 New Study reveals air quality concerns in East Delhi" appearing in the Times of India dated 29.09.2024

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. Narender Pal Singh, Adv. for MoEF & CC
Ms. Richa Kapoor, Ms. Atika Singh & Mr. Kunal Anand, Advs. for PPCB
Mr. Amit Singh Chauhan, Adv. for CPCB (Through VC)
Mr. Balendu Shekhar, Adv. for DPCC (Through VC)

ORDER

1. This original application has been registered on the basis of the news item based upon the study conducted by the IIT, Delhi revealing detection of alarming levels of heavy metals such as lead, cadmium, nickel in the air and further disclosing that in East Delhi District, chromium, copper, zinc, molybdenum and lead were the major heavy metals found in PM_{2.5}.

2. Respondent No. 3, CPCB has filed the reply, but has not clearly reflected upon the monitoring of the aforesaid heavy metals, i.e., chromium, copper, zinc and molybdenum nor giving any reasons for not monitoring. Same is the position in respect of the reply of PPCB.

3. Learned Counsel for the MoEF&CC seeks four weeks' time to consider the issue and to file the appropriate response.

4. List on 15.05.2025.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

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