

Item No. 05

Court No. 1

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

Original Application No. 54/2025

Yudhveer Singh Chauhan

Applicant

Versus

Uttarakhand Forest Department & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 04.02.2025

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

Applicant: Mr. Yudhveer Chauhan, Applicant in Person (Through VC)

ORDER

1. In this original application, allegation of the applicant is that in the implementation of cold storage project initiated by Mandi Samiti, Vikasnagar, Uttarakhand there is an apprehension of felling of 18-32 mango trees.

2. Submission of the applicant is that as per the earlier report there were 32 mango trees existing at the site and that in the joint inspection report at page 17, it was also noted that 32 mango trees were standing on the site and before starting the project there should be no tree at the site. The applicant has also referred to the auction notice on page 20 relating to the open auction of 18 standing mango trees. He has submitted that in the meanwhile on 14.01.2025, 18 mango trees have been cut but 14 mango trees are still remaining. He submits that no permission from the competent authority was taken for the felling of these mango trees.

3. The original Application raises substantial issues relating to compliance of environmental norms.

4. Issue notice to the respondents for filing their response/reply by way of affidavit at least one week before the next hearing date. If any respondent directly files the reply without routing it through his advocate, then the respondent will remain virtually present to assist the Tribunal. The applicant is directed to serve the respondents and file the affidavit of service at least one week before the next date of hearing.

5. In the meanwhile, respondent no.2-Deputy Conservator of Forest (Kalsi, Dehradun) and other authorities of Uttarakhand Forest Department will ensure that no illegal felling of trees takes place in the execution of the project concerned.

6. List on 14.05.2025.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

February 04, 2025
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