

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

Original Application No. 1229/2024

News Item titled "Over 1200 sources polluting water bodies in Punjab reveals govt report" appearing in the Tribune dated 16.09.2024

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**

Respondents: Ms. Richa Kapoor & Ms. Atika Singh, Advs. for PPCB
Mr. Mohit Singhal, Adv. for CPCB (Through VC)

ORDER

1. In this Original Application, registered suo-motu, the Tribunal is considering the disclosure in the news item about over 1200 sources of pollution that have been identified and which are affecting the water bodies in Punjab.

2. By the order dated 15.10.2024, the Respondents were impleaded and notices were issued. The PPCB has filed the reply dated 30.01.2025 stating that the competent authority of the PPCB has constituted a Committee by order dated 10.12.2024 to gather information and prepare a status report on the matter. It is further stated that information has been sought from different Departments which is awaited and in this background, a request has been made for grant of two months for filing the final status report.

3. The CPCB has also filed the reply disclosing that as per the information received from the Department of Water Resources, Punjab, there are 2034 pollution sources in 37 divisions of Punjab out of which 640 pollution sources have been removed and 1394 pollution sources are

yet to be removed. The CPCB report further states that for the rejuvenation of the identified DRS, a comprehensive action plan has been prepared by the River Rejuvenation Committee (RRC) constituted by the respective State Governments/Union Territories but the report does not disclose in clear terms the extent of implementation of the river action plan in the State of Punjab. Learned Counsel for the CPCB submits that a further comprehensive report in this regard will be filed by CPCB within four weeks.

4. List on 14.05.2025.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

February 04, 2025
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