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**RESPONSE ON BEHALF OF DELHI POLLUTION CONTROL
COMMITTEE (RESPONDENT NUMBER-2) IN COMPLIANCE TO
THE ORDER DATED 26.07.2024.**

I, Dr. K. S. Jayachandran, Member Secretary, Delhi Pollution Control Committee, 6th Floor, C-Wing, Delhi Secretariat, IP Estate, Delhi - 110002, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as under:

1. That, I am working as Member Secretary, Delhi Pollution Control Committee and am conversant with the facts of the present case on the basis of record maintained by Delhi Pollution Control Committee in its ordinary course.
2. That this Hon`ble Tribunal has taken up the matter on 26.07.2024, in the above referred matter suo-moto based on the News Item appeared in Jagran.com on 04.07.2024.
3. That, the present news item in the present matter relates to the death of



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thousands of fishes in the Yamuna River in Delhi's Burari. As per the article, the water level in Yamuna River is often low before monsoon. There are dense clouds in the sky due to which the oxygen level in the water decreases which becomes a big problem for the aquatic life.

4. That, this Hon'ble Tribunal on 26.07.2024 pleased to issue notice to CPCB, DPCC, MoEF&CC, National Mission for Clean Ganga and District Magistrate (North Delhi).
5. That, in compliance with the order dated 26.07.2024, an inspection of stretch of river Yamuna near Palla (Ghat No.-4) particularly at the location of incident as mentioned in the said news item was carried out by a team of DPCC officials on 29.08.2024. Samples were also collected from
 - Point no. 1 from river Yamuna before mixing of Drain no. 08.
 - Point no. 2 from Drain no. 08 before joining river Yamuna.
 - Point no.3 from 500 meter downstream the point of mixing of Drain no. 08 into river Yamuna.

Copy of the report of inspection carried out on 29.08.2024 along with Analysis Report of the samples collected from above mentioned sampling points is annexed herewith as **Annexure-1**.

6. That, the results of the analysis of Samples collected during the inspection carried out on 29.08.2024 are briefed as under:

S. No.	Sampling Locations	Latitude Longitude	pH	TSS (mg/l)	COD (mg/l)	BOD (mg/l)	DO (mg/l)
Water Quality Criteria ('C' Class)			6.5- 8.5	-	-	3mg/l or less	5 mg/l or more
1.	River Yamuna before meeting Drain No. 8	28.862588 77.207253	7.1	216	24	2	8.9
2.	Drain No .8 (before meeting river Yamuna)	28.862057 77.206754	8.0	174	261	64	Nil
3.	River Yamuna a Ghat No. 4 (after meeting Drain No. 8)	28.850603 77.209641	7.1	101	26	5	7.8

Above results show that BOD of Drain No. 08 (before meeting river Yamuna) is 64 mg/ l and COD is 261 mg/ l indicating high pollution load in the drain which discharges effluent into Yamuna causing deterioration of the Water Quality downside of its discharge particularly in lean season (pre monsoon) resulting in such kind of incident as mentioned in the above News Item published in Jagran.com on 04.07.2024.

7. That Drain No. 08 originates in Haryana and discharges waste water into river Yamuna in Haryana before its entry in Delhi. Haryana State Pollution Control Board and Govt of Haryana are required to take action for control of Pollution in this Drain No. 08 so that such incident of death of fishes in the above-mentioned stretch in Palla does not occur in future. In this regard, DPCC has issued a letter on 01.11.2024 to Haryana State Pollution Control Board and Urban Development Authority-Haryana for taking urgent



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necessary action for Control of Pollution in Drain No. 08. Copy of the letter dated 01.11.2024 of DPCC is annexed herewith as Annexure- 2.

8. That this affidavit is being filed in compliance to the order dated 26.07.2024 passed by this Hon'ble Tribunal.



DEPONENT

VERIFICATION:

I, the above-named deponent, declare the contents of the present affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge based upon the documents and records available in the office and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

Verified at New Delhi on this 01st day of November, 2024.



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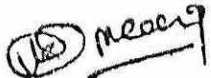
Report of Inspection of Yamuna Stretch near Palla (Ghat No.-4) carried out by Team of DPCC officials on 29.08.2024

Inspection of Yamuna Stretch near Palla (Ghat No.-4) was carried out by Team of DPCC officials on 29.08.2024 at the location of incident as mentioned in the news item titled "बुराड़ी में यमुना नदी किनारे मृत अवस्था में मिली हज़ारों मछलियां, दुर्गंध से ग्रामीण परेशान". in Burari which has also been taken up by the Hon'ble NGT in O.A No. 923/2024.

Brief of the observation are as follows

- 1.) Team visited near Ghat No.-4 where the incident took place and sample of Yamuna River was taken from the location. Some fishermen were found engaged in fishing during the inspection. Photographs are enclosed.
- 2.) As informed by local fishermen, this incident of killing of fishes takes place every year before the monsoon when the water level in River Yamuna decreases significantly and Drain No.-08 brings highly polluted water from Haryana into river Yamuna near the place of incident.
- 3.) Team also visited point where the drain coming from Haryana joins River Yamuna and samples were also taken from the drain just before the meeting point. Water of the drain was found of dark grey / black color. Photographs are enclosed.
- 4.) A Google Map photograph is also enclosed as Annexure-I showing the point of sampling as below:
 - a) Point no. 1 as the location from where the sample was taken from river Yamuna before mixing of Drain no. 08.
 - b) Point no. 2 as the location from where the samples were taken from Drain no. 08.
 - c) Point no.3 as the location from where sample was taken approx 500 meter downstream the point of mixing of Drain no.08 into river Yamuna.
- 5.) Analysis Report of the samples taken is enclosed as Annexure-II.

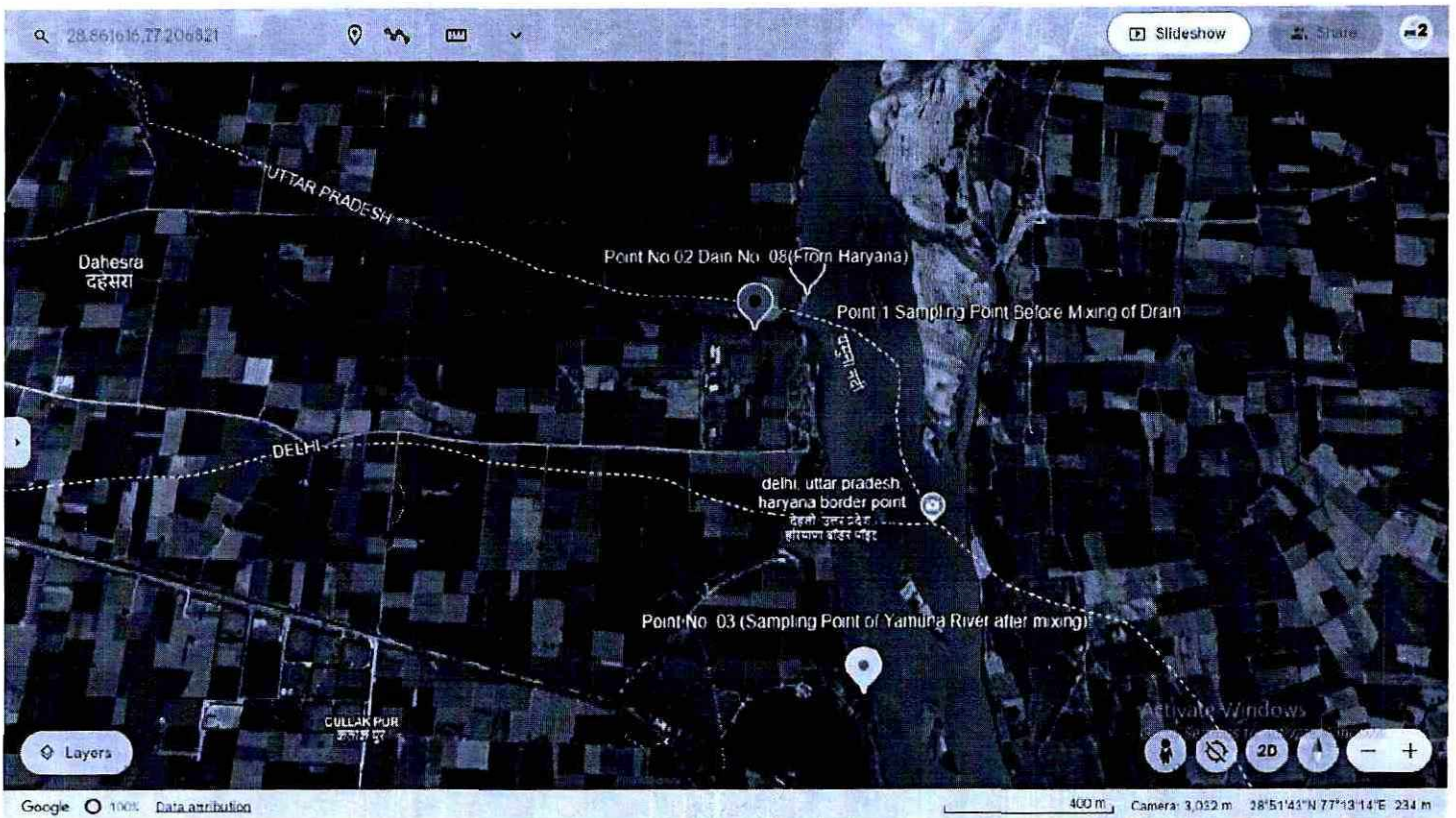

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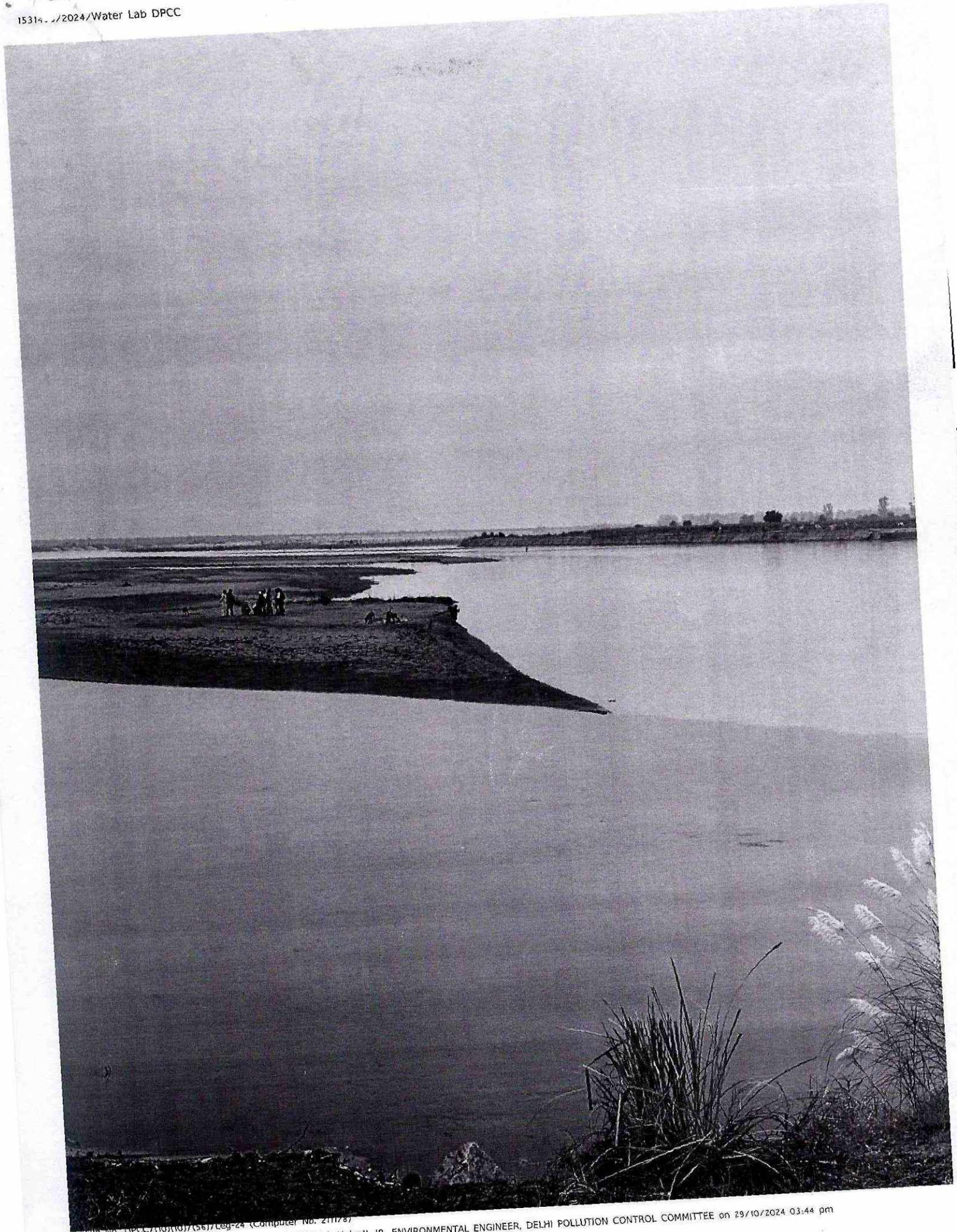


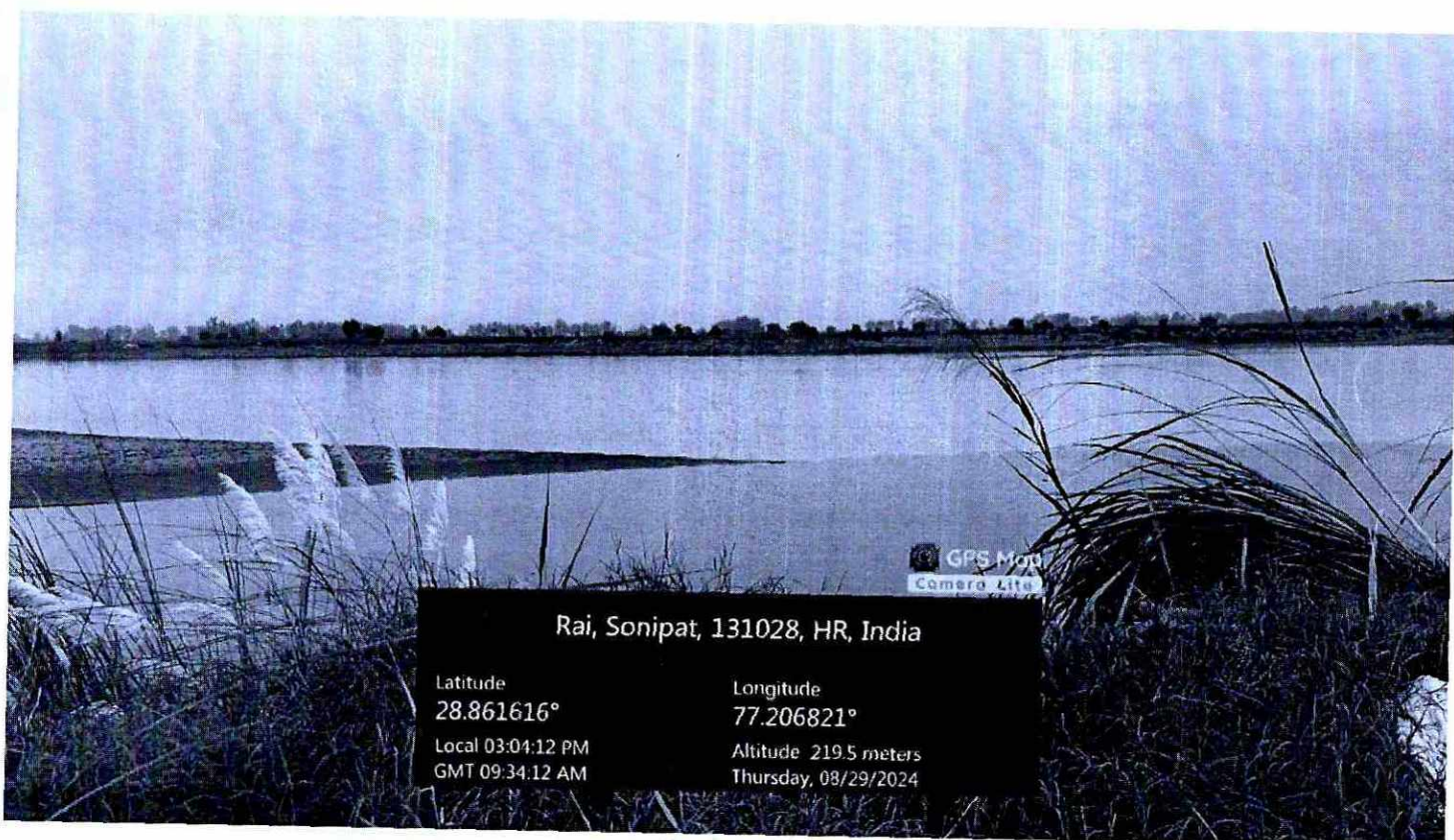
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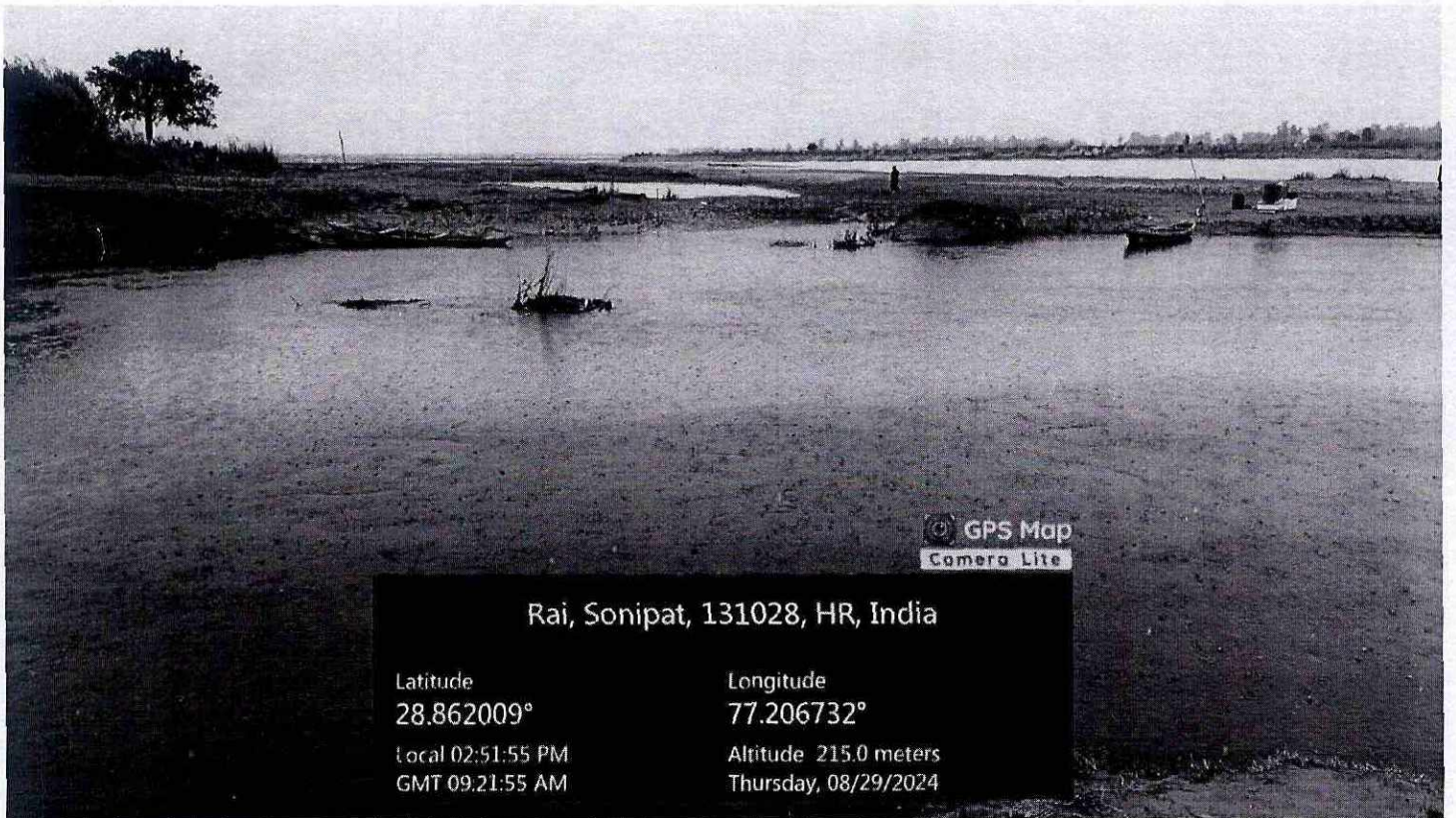


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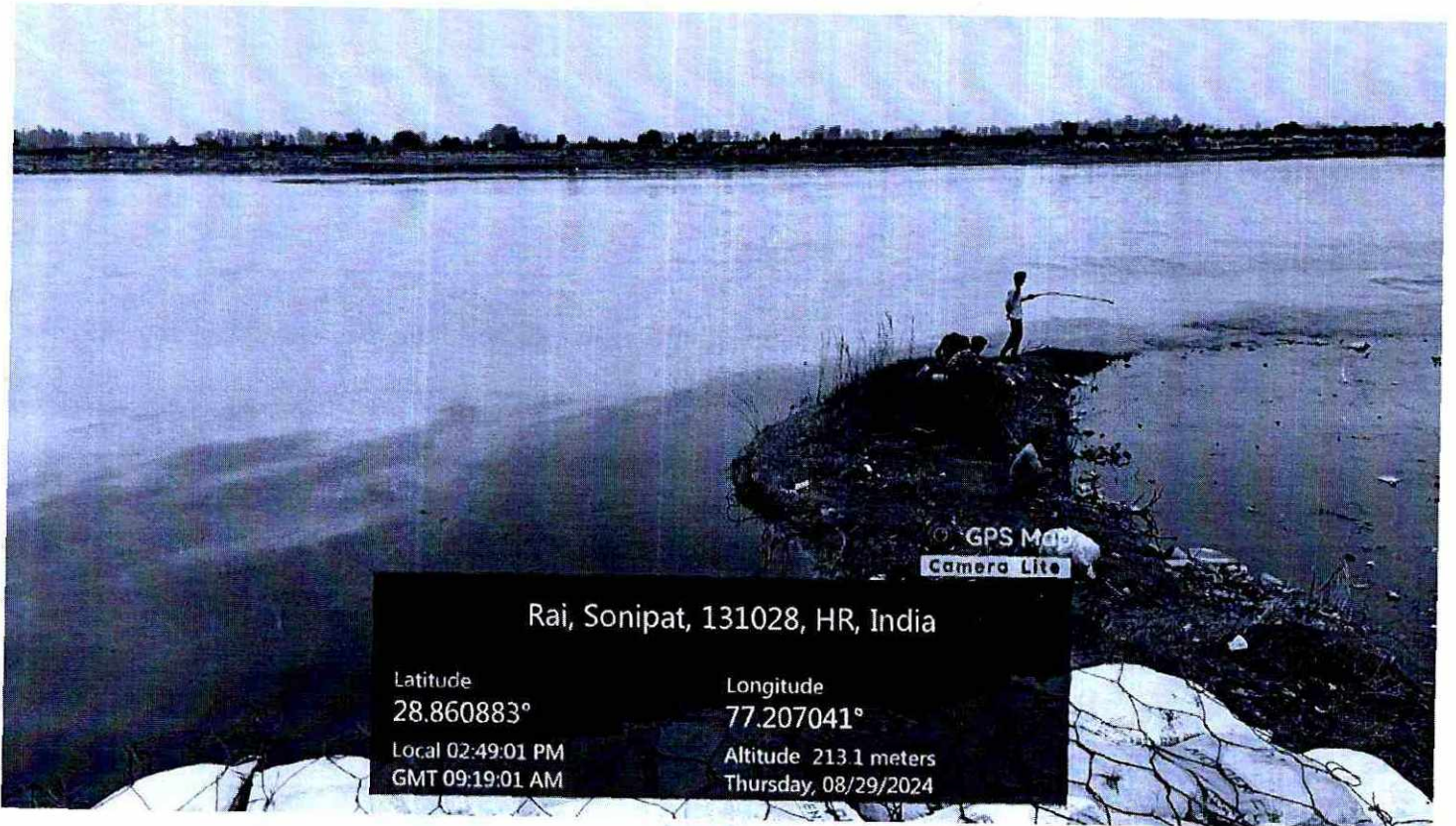
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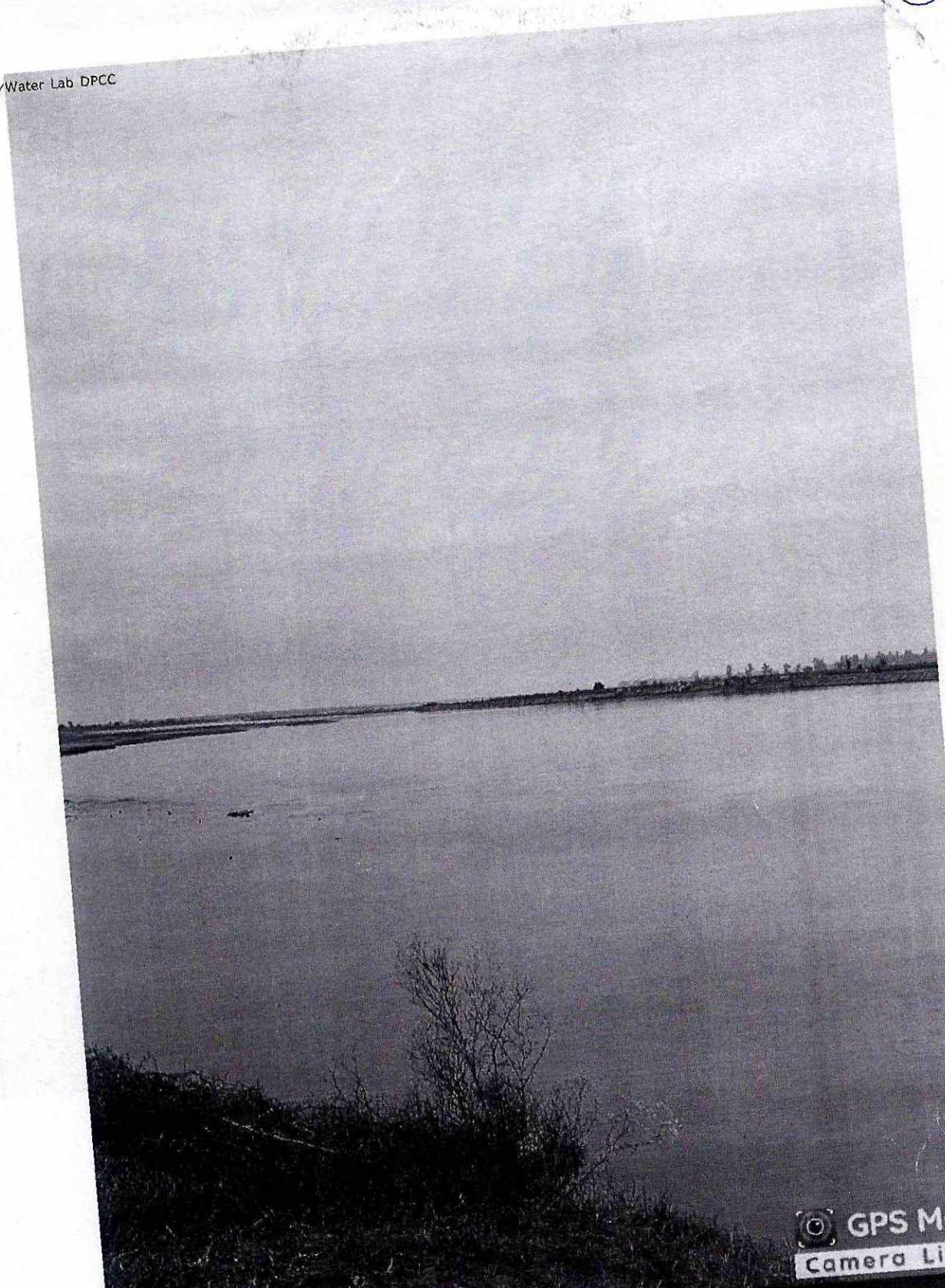
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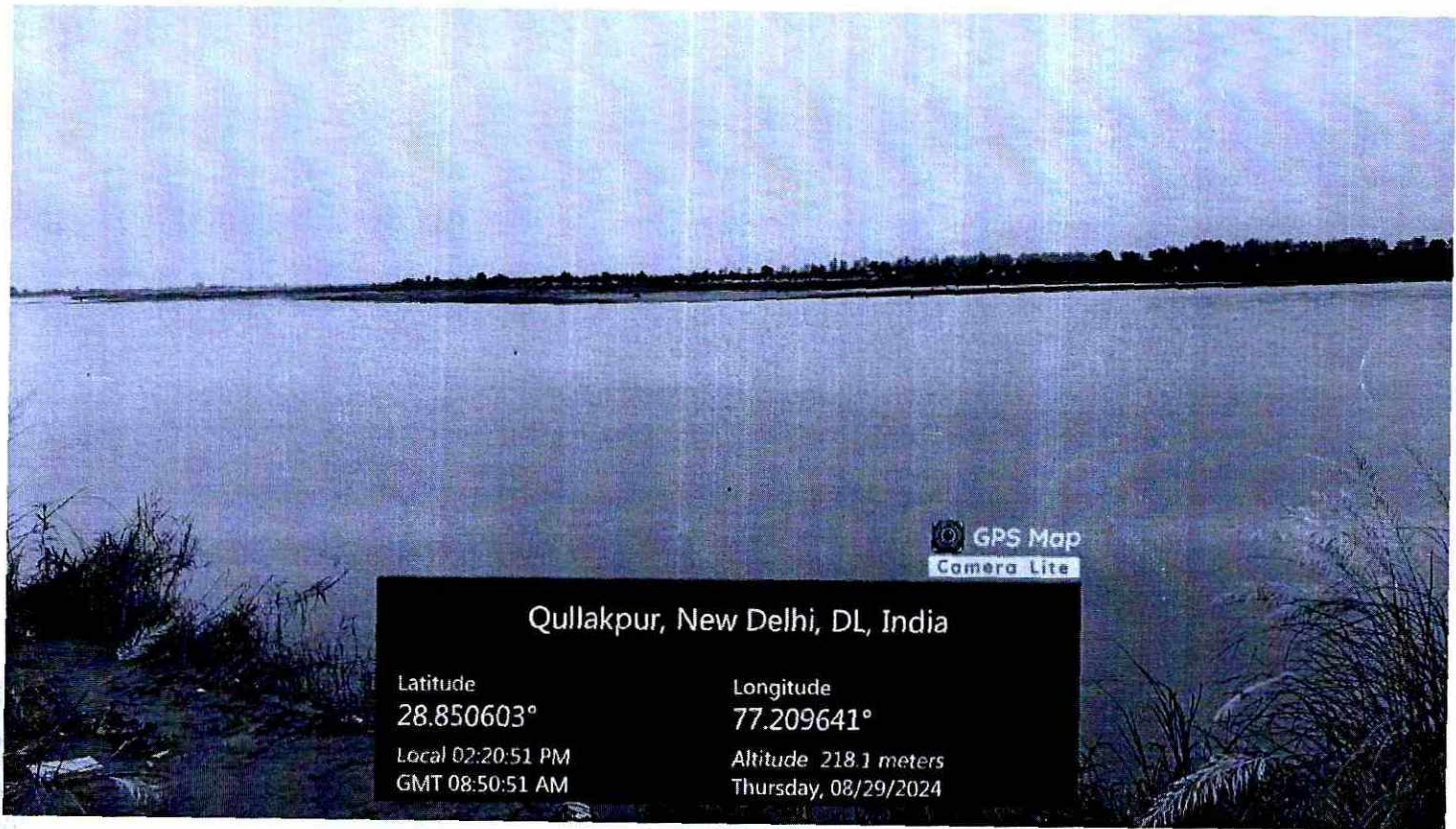
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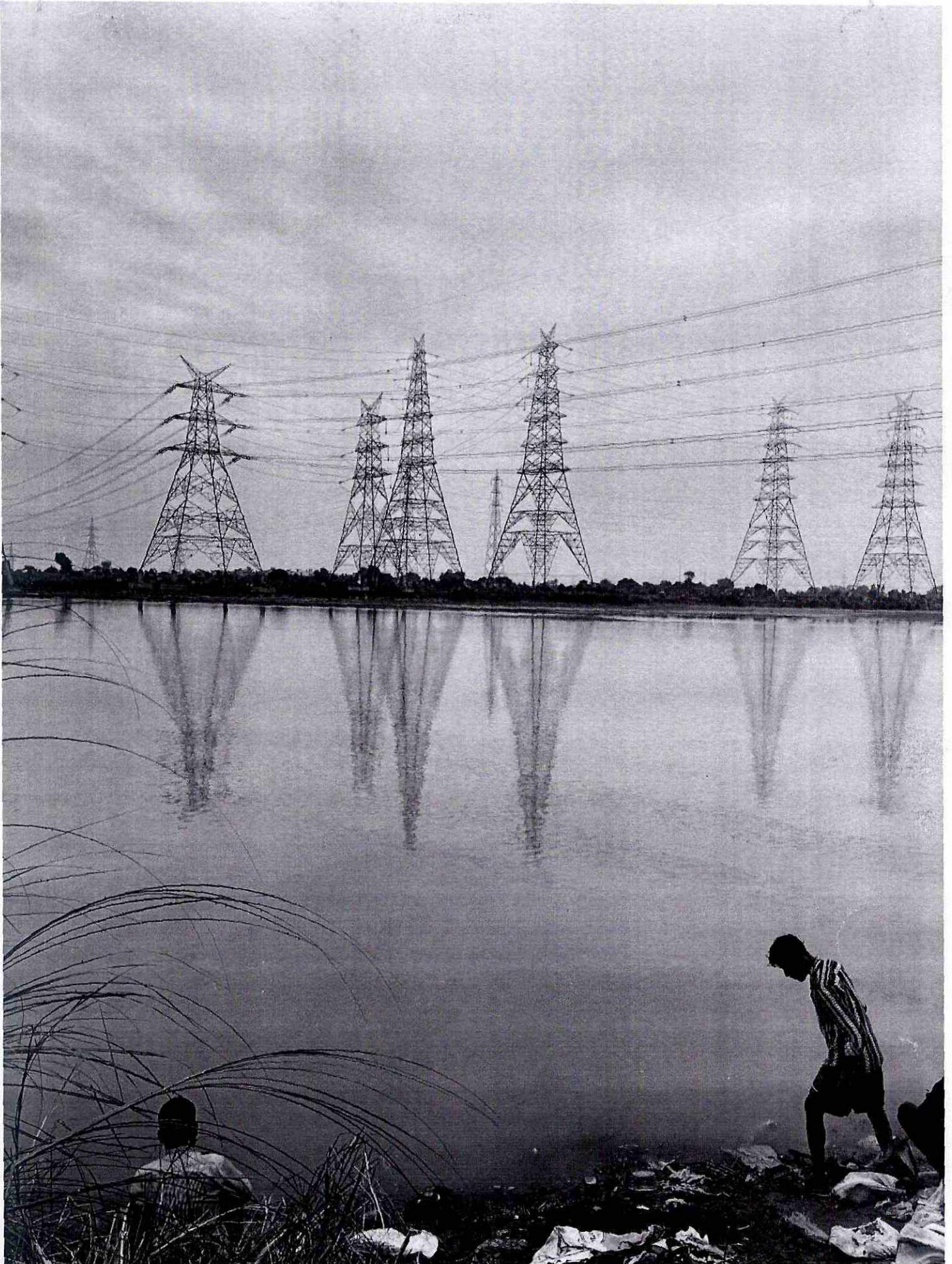
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Result No- DPCC/W/D(Misc)/2024/53/ 1289

Dated: 07/10/2024

ANALYSIS REPORT

Date of Sampling: 29.08.2024 (NGT Order dated 04.07.2024/OA No. 923/2024)

Parameter analyzed and result:

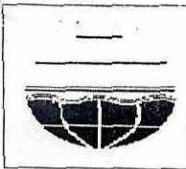
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F.No. DPCC/ WMC II/ OA 923/ 2024/ 3242 - 3244

Dated: 01/11/2024

To,

1. **Chairman, Haryana State Pollution Control Board**
C-11, Sector-6, Panchkula, Haryana – 134109.
2. **Director, Urban Local Bodies,**
State Urban Development Authority Haryana,
Bays 11-14, Sector 4, Panchkula Urban Estate, Haryana 134112.

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Sir/ Madam,

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In view of the above, it is requested to take urgent necessary action for control of pollution in Drain No. 08 so that such incident of death of fishes does not occur in future in the above mentioned stretch in Palla in Delhi and inform this office about the measures/action taken in this regard within 15 days.

Yours Sincerely,

(Dr. K. S. Jayachandran)
Member Secretary, DPCC

Enclosures: As above
Copy to:

1. Chairman, DPCC.

(Dr. K. S. Jayachandran)
Member Secretary, DPCC