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Date: 4 September, 2025

Place: Dehradun



MUKESH VERMA

Advocate for UKPCB

Chamber No. 50, Old Block,

Supreme Court of India, New Delhi

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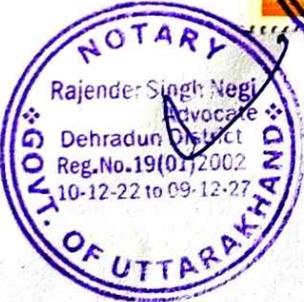
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Affidavit of Shri Parag Madhukar Dhakate, aged about 48 years, S/o Shri M.B. Dhakate presently posted as Member Secretary, Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board, Gaura Devi Paryavaran Bhawan, IT Park, Dehradun.



Deponent

I, the above-named deponent does hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as under: -

1. That the deponent is presently posted as the Member Secretary, Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board and as such is fully conversant with the facts of the case and is competent to sign and swear the instant affidavit.

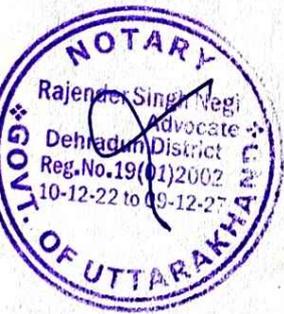
2. That the above-mentioned matter was listed for hearing on 06.08.2025 wherein this Hon'ble Tribunal was pleased to issue the following directions:

“.....

2. None has appeared for Respondents No. 2, 4 and 6. Notices may be issued to Respondents No. 2, 4 and 6 again requiring them to file their replies/responses within one month.

.....”

3. That in compliance of the aforesaid direction instead response affidavit is being filed.
4. It is humbly submitted that the Member Secretary, Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board vide letter dated 23.08.2025 directed the Regional Officer, UKPCB, Dehradun to furnish the report w.r.t. the aforesaid matter to the Board office. In this connection, a copy of the letter dated 23.08.2025 is being marked and filed as **Annexure no. 01**.
5. That consequently, the Regional Officer, Dehradun, vide letter dated 30.08.2025, informed the Member Secretary, Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board that an inspection was carried out on 23.08.2025 and the report is being furnished for necessary action. As per the inspection report, an on-site inspection of the Nayar River at Banghat and Vyas Ghat was conducted by the Regional officer, Dehradun on 23.08.2025. Water samples were collected and sent to the Central Laboratory, where it was found that the river water falls under the 'A' category as per Water Quality Criteria. Samples collected from



[Handwritten Signature]

Banghat and Vyas Ghat situated at Satpuli, Devprayag were also analysed. The Board regularly collects surface water samples of the Nayar River on a monthly basis at both upstream and downstream points of Satpuli. As per report, water quality is of 'A' category. During the inspection, water flow in the Nayar River was high. It is also pertinent to mention that the current season is monsoon, and the Board continues to conduct regular monthly monitoring of the river water quality.

In this connection, a copy of the letter dated 30.08.2025 along with the reports are collectively being marked and filed as Annexure no. 02.

- 3. That the deponent is a responsible Government servant having the highest regard for the Hon'ble Tribunal and orders passed by them. The deponent has always made his sincerest efforts to carry out the orders passed by this Hon'ble Tribunal in its letter and spirit and shall continue to do so in the future.



[Signature]
Deponent

Verification: -

Verified at Dehradun on the day of September 2025, that the contents of the response affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief based on the official record and nothing is false, and no material has been concealed therein.

[Signature]

S.No - 4397/25

This affidavit is sworn before me by
Shri..... *[Signature]* Deponent
who is identified by Shri.....
at Dehradun on.....

[Signature]
Rajender Singh Negi
Advocate & Notary, Dehradun



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मुख्यालय Annexure-1
उत्तराखण्ड प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड
"गौरा देवी पर्यावरण भवन"
46बी, आई.टी. पार्क, सहस्त्रधारा रोड़, देहरादून
E-mail : ukpcblegalcell@gmail.com, दूरभाष : 0135-2607092

पत्रांक : यूकेपीसीबी / एच.ओ. / सा0-183-914 / 2025 / 868

दिनांक 23.08.2025

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सेवा में,

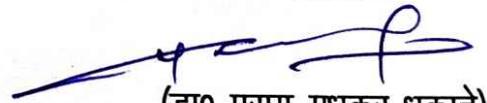
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उत्तराखण्ड प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड
क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय,
ई-115 नेहरू कॉलोनी, देहरादून।

विषय:- मा0 एन0जी0टी0, नई दिल्ली में योजित मूल आवेदन सं0 295 / 2025 In Re: News Item titled "Nayar river is vanishing-a yatra reveals conservation goes beyond science and policy" appearing in 'The Down To Earth' dated 03-06-2025 के सम्बन्ध में।

महोदय,

उपरोक्त विषयक मा0 एन0जी0टी0, नई दिल्ली में योजित मूल आवेदन सं0 295 / 2025 In Re: News Item titled "Nayar river is vanishing-a yatra reveals conservation goes beyond science and policy" appearing in 'The Down To Earth' dated 03-06-2025 में पारित आदेश दिनांक 05.06.2025 का सन्दर्भ में इस कार्यालय द्वारा प्रेषित पत्र दिनांक 18.06.2025 का सन्दर्भ ग्रहण करें, जिसमें प्रकरण पर आख्या चाही गयी थी। उक्त आख्या वर्तमान तक इस कार्यालय में अप्राप्त है जिस कारण दिनांक 06.08.2025 को नियत सुनवाई में बोर्ड का पक्ष मा0 हरित अधिकरण के समक्ष नहीं रखा जा सका। मा0 हरित अधिकरण में अगली सुनवाई दिनांक 11.09.2025 को नियत है। अतः आपको पुनः निर्देशित किया जाता है कि प्रकरण पर आख्या 05 दिनों के अन्तर्गत इस कार्यालय को दिया जाना सुनिश्चित करें। मा0 हरित अधिकरण में ससमय रिपोर्ट दाखिल न होने की दशा में मा0 न्यायालय / शासन द्वारा किसी अप्रिय आदेश हेतु आप उत्तदायी होंगे।

भवदीय


(डा0 पराग मधुकर धकाते)
सदस्य सचिव

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क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय
उत्तराखण्ड प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड
ई-115, नेहरू कॉलोनी, देहरादून-248001
टेली फोन नं.-0135-3593200

पत्रांक सं०-यूकेपीसीबी / आरओडी / एन०जी०टी०-133 / 2025-26 / 1992-1100 दिनांक: 30/08/25

सेवा में,

सदस्य सचिव महोदय,
उत्तराखण्ड प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड,
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46बी, आई०टी० पार्क, सहस्त्रधारा रोड़,
देहरादून।

विषय- मा० एन०जी०टी० नई दिल्ली में योजित मूल आवेदन संख्या-295/2025 In Re: New Item titled
"Nayar River is vanishing-a yatra reveals conservation goes beyond science and
policy" appearing in 'The Down to Earth' dated 03.06.2025 में निरीक्षण के सम्बन्ध में।

महोदय,

कृपया कृपया उपरोक्त विषयक बोर्ड मुख्यालय के पत्रांक संख्या-यूकेपीसीबी/एच.ओ./सा०-183-914
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के सम्बन्ध में इस कार्यालय द्वारा दिनांक 23.08.2025 को निरीक्षण किया गया। निरीक्षण आख्या संलग्न कर
आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु सादर प्रेषित है।

संलग्नक-उपरोक्तानुसार।

भवदीय


(अमित पोखरियाल)
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1. उपरोक्त संदर्भित नयार नदी, जिसमें नदी सूखने एवं पानी का बहाव कम होने के सम्बन्ध में है, संदर्भित स्थल बान घाट एवं व्यास घाट का स्थलीय निरीक्षण इस कार्यालय द्वारा दिनांक 23.08.2025 को किया गया। नयार नदी के दो स्थलों पर बानघाट व व्यास घाट पर जल के नमूने एकत्र किये गये एवं विश्लेषण हेतु केन्द्रीय प्रयोगशाला को प्रेषित किये गये, जिनमें Water Quality Criteria के अनुसार नदी जल गुणता A श्रेणी की है। निरीक्षण के दौरान नयार नदी का जल प्रवाह भी काफी मात्रा में दृष्टिगत हुआ है। निरीक्षण के समय लिये गये फोटोग्राफ संलग्न है। नयार नदी व्यास घाट में गंगा नदी से मिलती है।
2. निरीक्षण के दौरान सतपुली देवप्रयाग मार्ग पर स्थित बान घाट व व्यास घाट पर जल नमूने एकत्र किये गये, जिसकी विश्लेषण आख्या संलग्न है।
3. बोर्ड द्वारा मासिक आधार पर नदियों के सतही जल नमूने एकत्रित किये जाते हैं, जिसमें नयार नदी के नमूने अपस्ट्रीम सतपुली व डाउनस्ट्रीम सतपुली में एकत्र किये जाते हैं। विश्लेषण आख्या के अनुसार जिनकी Water Quality 'A' श्रेणी की है।
4. मा0 एन0जी0टी0 द्वारा पारित दिनांक 05.06.2025 में उल्लेख है कि Water sources have either dried up or experienced a significant decline in flow.
5. निरीक्षण के समय नयार नदी में जल प्रवाह काफी मात्रा में पाया गया। यहां यह भी उल्लेखनीय है कि वर्तमान वर्षा ऋतु है, क्योंकि मासिक आधार पर राज्य बोर्ड द्वारा भी नयार नदी के जल नमूने एकत्र किये जा रहे हैं।

आख्या अग्रिम आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु सादर प्रेषित।

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Surface Water/Ground Water Test Report

Test report no:	HO/08/25/SW-47
Code allotted:	HO/08/25/SW- 47
Sample Source (River/ Lake/Pond/Drain/Ground Water / any other specify):	River
Sampling point:	River Nayar at Banghat Satpuli Pauri Garhwal
Type of sample: Grab/Composite/Integrated:	Grab
Sample collected by:	Mr. Amit Pokhriyal (RO) Mr. S.S. Chauhan (ASO)
Quantity & Packing: (HDPE/LDPE/PIG/Any Other)	2L- HDPE 125mL-GLASS
Date of sample collection:	23-08-2025
Date of sample receipt in the laboratory:	23-08-2025
Start date of analysis:	23-08-2025
End date of analysis:	28-08-2025

S.No.	Parameters	Results	Test Method	Unit
1.	Colour	10	APHA 2120 B: Visual Comparison Method	Hazen
2.	Odour	Odourfree	-	-
3.	pH (@25°C)	7.71	APHA 4500 H ⁺ B: Electrometric Method	-
4.	Electrical Conductivity	115	APHA 2510B Laboratory Method	(μ s/cm)
5.	Dissolved Oxygen	9.2	APHA 4500-O C Azide Modification	mg/l
6.	Chloride	8	APHA4500 Cl ⁻ B Argentometric Method	mg/l
7.	Total Hardness	81	APHA 2340 C EDTA Titrimetric Method	mg/l
8.	Calcium Hardness	62	APHA 3500-Ca B EDTA Titrimetric Method	mg/l
9.	Magnesium Hardness	19	Calculation Method	mg/l
10.	Total Alkalinity	65	APHA 2320 B Titration Method	mg/l
11.	Biochemical Oxygen Demand	BDL	IS 3025 (Part 44): 2023, 3 days 27°C	mg/l
12.	Chemical Oxygen Demand	BDL	IS 3025 (Part 58): 2023, Open Reflux Method	mg/l



13.	Total Coliform	47	APHA 9221 B, Multiple-Tube-Fermentation Technique	MPN/100ml
14.	Faecal Coliform	39	APHA 9221 E, Multiple-Tube-Fermentation Technique	MPN/100ml
15.	Faecal Streptococcus	4.5	APHA 9230 B, Multiple-Tube Technique	MPN/100ml
16.	Nitrate	0.15	APHA 4500-NO ₃ ⁻ B Ultraviolet Spectrophotometric Screening Method	mg/l
17.	Nitrite	0.04	APHA 4500-NO ₂ ⁻ B Colorimetric Method	mg/l
18.	Sulphate	26.52	APHA 4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ E Turbidimetric Method	mg/l
19.	Phosphate	0.22	APHA 4500-P D Stannous Chloride Method	mg/l
20.	Fluoride	0.25	APHA 4500-F D SPADNS Method	mg/l
21.	Sodium	5.3	Flame Photometric Method	mg/l
22.	Potassium	3.3	Flame Photometric Method	mg/l
23.	Sodium Absorption Ratio (SAR)	0.25	Calculation Method	-

- As per DBU the quality of river lies in Class A

*****End of Test Report*****

Analysed by:

Ganga
29/08/25
(Ganga Rawat)
Junior Lab Assistant

Checked by:

Pradeep
29/08/25
(Pradeep Chauhan)
Lab Assistant

Counter Sign:

Naresh
(Naresh Goswami)
Asst. Environment Engineer

Note:

1. The results in the Test Report relate only to the items tested.
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3. Report shall not be reproduced without approval of laboratory.
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Surface Water/Ground Water Test Report

Test report no:	HO/08/25/SW-48
Code allotted:	HO/08/25/SW-48
Sample Source (River/ Lake/Pond/Drain/Ground Water / any other specify).:	River
Sampling point:	River Nayar at Vyas Ghat Satpuli Pauri Garhwal
Type of sample: Grab/Composite/Integrated:	Grab
Sample collected by:	Mr. Amit Pokhriyal (RO) Mr. S.S. Chauhan (ASO)
Quantity & Packing: (HDPE/LDPE/P/G/Any Other)	2L- HDPE 125mL-GLASS
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S.No.	Parameters	Results	Test Method	Unit
1.	Colour	10	APHA 2120 B: Visual Comparison Method	Hazen
2.	Odour	Odourfree	-	-
3.	pH (@25°C)	7.64	APHA 4500 H ⁺ B: Electrometric Method	-
4.	Electrical Conductivity	121	APHA 2510B Laboratory Method	(µs/cm)
5.	Dissolved Oxygen	9.1	APHA 4500-O C Azide Modification	mg/l
6.	Chloride	9	APHA4500 Cl ⁻ B Argentometric Method	mg/l
7.	Total Hardness	85	APHA 2340 C EDTA Titrimetric Method	mg/l
8.	Calcium Hardness	65	APHA 3500-Ca B EDTA Titrimetric Method	mg/l
9.	Magnesium Hardness	20	Calculation Method	mg/l
10.	Total Alkalinity	68	APHA 2320 B Titration Method	mg/l
11.	Biochemical Oxygen Demand	BDL	IS 3025 (Part 44): 2023, 3 days 27°C	mg/l
12.	Chemical Oxygen Demand	BDL	IS 3025 (Part 58): 2023, Open Reflux Method	mg/l
13.	Total Coliform	48	APHA 9221 B, Multiple-Tube-Fermentation Technique	MPN/100ml



14.	Faecal Coliform	40	APHA 9221 E, Multiple-Tube-Fermentation Technique	MPN/100ml
15.	Faecal Streptococcus	6.1	APHA 9230 B, Multiple-Tube Technique	MPN/100ml
16.	Nitrate	0.17	APHA 4500-NO ₃ -B Ultraviolet Spectrophotometric Screening Method	mg/l
17.	Nitrite	0.04	APHA 4500-NO ₂ -B Colorimetric Method	mg/l
18.	Sulphate	27.89	APHA 4500-SO ₄ ²⁻ -E Turbidimetric Method	mg/l
19.	Phosphate	0.24	APHA 4500-P D Stannous Chloride Method	mg/l
20.	Fluoride	0.27	APHA 4500-F D SPADNS Method	mg/l
21.	Sodium	5.8	Flame Photometric Method	mg/l
22.	Potassium	3.5	Flame Photometric Method	mg/l
23.	Sodium Absorption Ratio (SAR)	0.27	Calculation Method	-

- As per DBU the quality of river lies in Class A

*****End of Test Report*****

Analyzed by:

Ganga
29/08/25
(Ganga Rawat)

Junior Lab Assistant

Checked by:

Pradeep
29/08/25
(Pradeep Chauhan)

Lab Assistant

Counter Sign:

Naresh
(Naresh Goswami)
Asst. Environment Engineer

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