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The Consultant (Judicial)
Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (P.B)
New Delhi.

No. JKPCC/NGT/ 23/1775-77

Dt. 08-09-2023.

**Sub: -Hon'ble NGT Notice dt. 29-08-2023 in OA 538 of 2023 titled
"Gypsum Jam: Rampant mining troubles Kashmir villagers"**

Ref.: Hon'ble National Green Tribunal email dated 31-08-2023.

Sir,

In compliance to the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal Notice Dated 29-08-2023 in OA 538 of 2023 titled "Gypsum Jam: Rampant mining troubles Kashmir villagers", Kindly find enclosed herewith the Factual Report w.r.t J&K Pollution Control Committee.

The Factual Report may kindly be taken on record and placed before the Hon'ble NGT for consideration, please.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: (As above)


(K. Ramesh Kumar) IFS
Member Secretary
JKPCC, Jammu.

Copy to the: -

1. Sh. G.M. Kawoosa, Additional Standing Counsel for J&K Govt. in Hon'ble NGT matters in New Delhi, for information and necessary action. This is in reference to Govt. of J&K Order No. 8495-JK(LD) of 2022 Dated 12-10-2022.
2. PA to Chairman, J&K PCC for kind information of Chairman.

Report of J&K Pollution Control Committee w.r.t Hon'ble NGT Notice dt. 29-08-2023 in OA 538 of 2023 titled "Gypsum Jam: Rampant mining troubles Kashmir villagers"

Background:

Hon'ble NGT notice dated 29-08-2023 regarding appearance of Member Secretary J&K Pollution Control Committee scheduled on 11-09-2023 in Suo Motu matter in re: News article published in Village Square website dated 20-08-2023 titled "Gypsum Jam: Rampant mining troubles Kashmir villagers" in O.A No.538 of 2023.

In compliance to the Hon'ble NGT notice, the J&K Pollution Control Committee Kashmir conducted inspection of the Gypsum Extraction units located in District Baramulla and the following observations of the J&K Pollution Control Committee duly submitted by Regional Director, J&K Pollution Control Committee Kashmir vide No. PCC/ROK/LS/2023/618-619 dated 08-09-2023 is summarized as under:-

1. There are 5 numbers of Gypsum Extraction units in the area namely
 - 1) Ms Kohinoor Gypsum
 - 2) Ms New Sigma Industries
 - 3) Ms GEE EMM Industries
 - 4) Ms Tower Chemicals and
 - 5) Ms Baba Chemicals
2. Regarding impact on health it has been claimed by Sh. Ali Mohammad Naik that about 30 percent of people in the village Dachina Salamabad which lies near to Bagna are suffering from Tuberculosis but this claim has been proven wrong when Block Medical Officer (BMO) concerned Mr. Khursheed Ahmad bearing mobile no. 7006040450 was contacted and as per his statement, no such case of Tuberculosis has been reported so far from Bagna area. Also record keeper of the Health & Wellness center Khushmarg Bagna stated that no case of TB has been reported till date from the area. Also BMO concerned stated that no rise in respiratory ailment cases have been reported from the area.
3. With regard to the mining carried out at Dachina , Sarpanches, panches of ward no 1, 2,3,4,5,7 & 8 have given written statements that their livelihood depends



solely on mining activity and that there is no other source of income in the topographically hilly area (copy enclosed as **Annexure 'A'**).

4. Regarding threat to Wildlife Sanctuary, it has been reported that most of the Gypsum Extraction units fall within the 1km radius of Lachipora Wildlife Sanctuary and the case is pending with Hon'ble Supreme Court. However the J&K High Court in the case of Tower Chemical & Others V/S UT of J&K has given directions that till the demarcation of the area is completed the unit holders can continue their activities.
5. Regarding the Air quality and Water quality, of the area due analysis of the same will be done in the Air and Water Monitoring Lab of J&K Pollution Control Committee at Srinagar, and results of the same shall be submitted to the Hon'ble NGT at the earliest.

Hence the report may kindly be taken on record and placed before the Hon'ble NGT for consideration please.



Annex A

Regional Director,

Pollution control board Srinagar/Jammu.

Subject: Representation on behalf of inhabitant of Dachina Salamabad and Halka Panchayat A&B with panch and sarpanch.

Sir,

With reverence it is submitted as that we are domicile of UT J&K

That our village is situated near actual line of control hilly in topography

That about 6km away from resident area there is a gypsum extraction work, which is main occupation of livelihood of villagers and said extraction, is carried lawfully.

That some miscreants who are not happy with peace and prosperity of area are hell bent to snatch this livelihood of people so that people may be rendered unemployed without work and there is every apprehension that these people would be used by enemy and anti national elements by neighbouring country, to disturb peace and brotherhood of our country.

That it is pertinent to mention that these miscreants headed by Ali Mohammad Naik are day in and day out feeling false and frivolous complaints clandestinely in order to mislead the Govt. Officials .

That we being resident submitting this representation that this gypsum extraction work is carried far away about 6Km from residential area and is no way causing environmental pollution or degradation

It is as such submitted that our representation be considered and these miscreants be put do tasks so their unlawful activities can be checked and may refrain in future from filing false complaints.

Inhabitants of Dachina Salamabad

1. *[Signature]*
Panch
2. *[Signature]*
Panch
3. *[Signature]*
Panch
4. *[Signature]*
Panch
5. *[Signature]*
Panch

Sayen Paswal
Panch Ward No. 1
Salamabad (Dachina)

Rafeeqa Begum
Panch Ward No. 8
Salamabad (Dachina)

Naresh Khan
Panch Ward No. 2
Salamabad (Dachina)

Sheer Ah. Badana
Panch Ward No. 3
Salamabad (Dachina)

Gh. Momin Goolani
Panch Ward No. 7
Salamabad (Dachina)

Hameed Begum
Panch Ward No. 5
Salamabad (Dachina)

Copy to

1. Member Secretary State pollution control board Srinagar.
2. Worthy Deputy Commissioner Baramulla.
3. District Pollution Officer Baramulla.
4. District Mineral officer Baramulla.

VILLAGE GUARD
Gh. Rasool Sheikh
Salamabad (Dachina)

