

BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL.  
(PRINCIPAL BENCH), AT NEW DELHI

O. A. No. 735/2023

In the matter of:

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Place: Shimla, H.P.

Dated: 09.02.2026

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To the Government of  
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**STATUS REPORT OF SEWERAGE NETWORK TO CATER THE STPs IN HIMACHAL PRADESH BY WAY OF AFFIDAVIT IN COMPLAINT TO THE ORDER DATED 20.11.2025 PASSED BY THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL.**

May it please your Lordships:

I, Sanjay Gupta , S/O Sh. Late Sh. Vidya Sagar Gupta , aged about 59 years, presently posted as Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under: -

1. That the above mentioned Original Application was listed before this Hon'ble National Green Tribunal on 20.11.2025, when this Hon'ble Tribunal has passed the following orders:

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**"2. Ms. Anju Sharma, Chief Engineer, JSV, Himachal Pradesh appearing virtually submits that 88% of work of sewerage network connecting these STPs is over and only 12% work of having the connectivity of 96.41**

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**Kilometres is remaining. She has sought six weeks' time to take appropriate steps and disclose the timeline for completion of the remaining work. Let the action taken report be filed within six weeks".**

2. That it is humbly submitted that out of the 15 Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs) referred to in the report of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), 3 STPs are being managed by the Shimla Jal Prabandhan Nigam Limited (SJPNL), 9 STPs are being managed by the Jal Shakti Vibhag (JSV), 2 STPs are being managed by the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), and 1 Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CEPT) is being managed by Baddi Infrastructure Limited, a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of the BBN Industries Association.
3. That it is humbly submitted that out of the aforesaid 15 STPs 14 STPs are presently operational, whereas 1 STP is non-operational i.e. STP BBMB Pandoh, which is being managed by BBMB.
4. That it is respectfully submitted that in the previous Affidavit filed on 20-11-2022, it was submitted that out of 14 operational STPs, only in 9 STPs, 96.41 kilometres of sewer network was to be connected with STPs.
5. That it is humbly submitted that as per the status report submitted by the Shimla Jal Prabandhan Nigam Ltd. (SJPNL), 50.8 Kms. of sewer network is projected for the year 2039. At

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present in SJPNL, there is no shortfall in network connection w.r.t. STP Lal Pani, STP Malyana, STP Dhalli respectively. Hence, the remaining sewer work of aforesaid 3 STPs of SJPNL is projected to be completed by 2039.

6. That it is respectfully submitted that out of 45.61 Kms. remaining sewer network of Jal Shakti Vibhag (JSV), 14.70 Kms, sewer network has now been connected with three STPs i.e. STP Sundernagar, STP Mandi (Raghunath ka Padhar) and STP Khaliar. Therefore, 30.91 Kms, sewer network is now yet to be connected with 6 STPs of Jal Shakti Vibhag.
7. That the timelines for remaining sewer network of 30.91 Kms., yet to be connected with the 6 STPs of Jal Shakti Vibhag submitted by Chief Engineer Shimla Zone, Mandi Zone and Hamirpur Zone and status of 50.8 Kms, sewer network to be connected with 3 STPs of SJPNL by 2039 are enclosed as **Annexure RB-I** for the kind perusal of this Hon'ble Tribunal please.
8. In view of the aforesaid submissions, it is respectfully submitted that State of Himachal Pradesh has complied with the orders dated 20.11.2025 passed in O.A. No. 735 of 2023. It is, therefore, humbly prayed that the present affidavit in compliance to the order dated 20.11.2025 may kindly be taken on record.

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**Deponent**  
 Chief Secretary,  
 Govt. of Himachal Pradesh

Executive Magistrate  
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## Verification

I, the above-named deponent does hereby verify that the contents as contained in paras 1 to 8 of this affidavit of mine are true and correct as derived from the official record. No part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed therein

Verified at Shimla this 09 day of February, 2026

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**Deponent**  
 Chief Secretary,  
 Govt. of Himachal Pradesh

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*Singh 9/2/26*  
 Executive Magistrate  
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Declared before me on 09 day of Feb  
 2026 on oath (Solemnly Affixation)  
 by Shri Sanjay Gupta Chief Secy. Govt of HP  
 who is personally known to the or who  
 has been identified by Sh Om Prakash (Clerk  
 who is personally known to me. (CSSU-B)

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Annexure-R B (I)							
SJPNL							
Status of Sewerage Network for Operational STP							
S.No.	Name of STP	Capacity Details		Network to be connected (in km)			The action plan for connecting left out i.e. non-connected sewer network to the STP
		Installed Capacity (MLD)	Capacity Utilization of STPs as on Aug 2025 (MLD)	Total network (in km)	Network Connected to STP (in km)	Network non-connected to STP (in km)	
1	2	3(a)	3(b)	4(a)	4(b)	4(c)	5
1	STP Lalpani	25.2	13	236	220	16	Presently, there is no shortfall as STP is catering to current population and 17494 connections has been released before upgradation of STP and new DPR has been prepared in the year 2024 for the projected year 2039, As per new DPR 9973 connections has been proposed and 3000 connections has been released till date and the balance connection will be completed by 2039 as per requirement time to time.
2	STP Malyana	8.42	3.9	61	39	22	The designed capacity of the STP Malyana is for the year 2039. Presently, there is no shortfall in network connection the balance connection to be connected with STP is projected for the year 2039.
3	STP Dhalli	2.26	1.2	29.8	17	12.8	The designed capacity of the STP Dhalli is for the year 2039. Presently, there is no shortfall in network connection the balance connection to be connected with STP is projected for the year 2039.
<b>Total</b>		<b>35.88</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>326.8</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>50.8</b>	




  
**Manager**  
**Sewerage South Zone**  
**SJPNL U.S. Club**  
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**General Manager (Operations)**  
**SJPNL, Shimla-171001**

## NGT matter OA 735- Shimla Zone

## Details of STPs in the catchment area of Pabbar River in Rohru

S.No.	Name of STP	Installed Capacity	Capacity utilization of STP as on November 2025 (MLD)	Total network (km)	Network connected to STP (km)	Network non connected to STP (km)	The action plan for connecting left out i.e non connected sewer network to the STP
1	Jubbal- Below 22 KVSub-Station HPSEB Jubbal Ghunglidhar (Kanhoh)	0.651	0.35	8.85	6.85	2.00	As per the DPR, the entire sewerage network of 6.85 km has been laid and connected. However, due to substantial population growth, additional areas have been developed in the vicinity of town which were beyond the DPR scope. Accordingly, additional works covering about 2 km, including laying of sewer network for unserved areas, provisions for diversion and interception, and improvement of the existing sewerage network, have been taken up to strengthen overall sewerage collection. The work had been awarded under the Urban waster water management system vide EE JSV Jubbal agreement No. 126 for the year 2025-26 amounting to Rs. 49.95 lakh. The work has been cancelled as per the directions of the Government conveyed by the Engineer-in-Chief JSV Shimla vide letter No. JSV-SP-I-SCM-Vol-XV/2025-26/8512-18 dated 04.12.2025, received from Chief Engineer (SZ) JSV Shimla vide letter No. 16153-54 dated 15.12.2025. Now the tenders have been invited on through rate /composite contract basis, wherein supply, transportation and installation of material shall form part of the contractor's scope. The said works are targetted to be completed on or before 31.12.2026.

## Details of STPs in the catchment area of Sukhna Khad in Parwanoo

2	Parwanoo	1	0.3	21.93	16.58	1.75	<p>The proposed sewer network length is 21.932 km, out of which 18.332 km has been laid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16.58 km network has been connected to STP, the balance 1.75 km is yet to be connected. The connectivity of 1.75 km network to STP could not be done as the proposed alignment of sewer line passes through highway and railway line crossing, for which permission is still awaited.</li> <li>• Online permission from Indian Railways authrotiy has already been requested on 22/12/2025 after joint inspection with railway officials. Simillarly, permission from HPPWD is under process, and the requisite charges has been deposited with HPPWD.</li> <li>• 3.60 Km is yet to be laid and is likely to be connected to the STP by 31-10-2026.</li> <li>• After getting due permission, non connected network of 1.75km is likely to be connected to the STP by 31-10-2026.</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1.651</b>	<b>0.65</b>	<b>30.78</b>	<b>23.43</b>	<b>3.75</b>	

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Jal shakti circle Solan

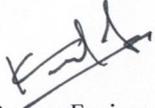
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Shimla Zone, Jal shakti vibhag

Status Of Sewerage Network Network For Operational STP's								
S.No	Name of STP	Capacity Details		Network to be connected in km			Total Network	Action plan for connecting left out i.e non -connected sewer network to the STP
		Installed Capacity	Capacity Utilisation	Total network proposed as per DPR	Total Network Conected to STP	Network Not Connected to STP		
1	Sarkaghat-Paplog	0.7	0.32	13.11	6.00	7.11	13.11	Work under progress tentative date of completion is December 2026

  
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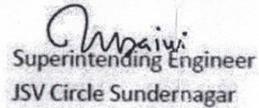
Sr. No.	Name of STP	Capacity detail		Total Network Proposed in DPR Km	Network laid			Action plan for connecting left out i.e. non connected sewers to Network
		Installed capacity in MLD	Cap. Utilization as on Jan 2025		Network connected to STP in Km	Network not connected to STP	Total network laid	
1	STP Sundernagar at Chandpur	4.5	3.25	109.31	97.26	12.05	109.31	The balance of the unconnected sewer network shall be connected to the STP upon completion of allied works such as manhole and wet well construction, by December 2026
2	STP at Raghunath Paddhar	3.83	3.5	61 Km	53 Km	8 km	61	The progress of network connection with STP was adversely affected due to unprecedented floods in river Beas during Monsoon 2025 where the four number wet wells were proposed to lift sewage were damaged. One of the wet well needs to be relocated for which the land is required and the matter has been taken up with DC Mandi vide Division office letter No EE-JSV-MND-DB-Gen./2025 13743-45 Dated 1-12-2025, 3 Nos wet wells need to be restored / retrofitted considering the post disaster effects of floods in river Beas. The tentative date of completion is December 2026
3	STP at Khaliar	0.46	0.46					



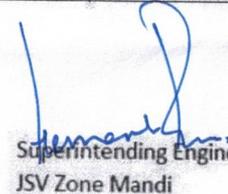
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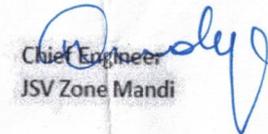
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