

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI
ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 1070/2024**

IN THE MATTER OF:-

NEWS ITEM TITLED "PLASTIC POLLUTION POSES THREAT TO KASHMIR,S GREAT LAKES TREK" APPEARING IN THE RISING KASHMIR DATED 09.08.2024

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**The Assistant Commissioner Panchayats
Ganderbal**

Subject: Submission of Reply in Reference to NGT Original Application No. 1070/2024
Regarding Plastic Waste at Great Lakes Trek (Naranag)

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above and in compliance with the legal notice issued by the Regional Director, Pollution Control Committee, Kashmir (vide No. PCC/ROK/LS/MSW/2024/672-74 dated 14.10.2024), the following is submitted for your kind perusal:

Sanitation Coverage up to Naranag:

The Block Office Kangan has been regularly conducting sanitation activities up to the starting point of the Great Lakes Trek at Naranag. Cleanliness drives are undertaken from time to time to manage solid waste and maintain environmental hygiene in the area.

Waste Management Arrangements:

An agency has been engaged for door-to-door waste collection in various Panchayats of Block Kangan under SBM-G provisions. However, the Naranag zone, being a hilly and high-altitude area with significant tourist pressure during the trekking season, requires enhanced and focused intervention.

Request for Additional Support:

In view of the above, it is requested that additional financial support be provided for the engagement of a dedicated agency specifically for the upper belt, including the Naranag-Trek starting zone, in order to ensure sustained and effective sanitation coverage.

Submitted for your kind consideration and necessary action.

No: SBM/BDOK/2025-26/4685

Dated: 17/07/2025

Yours Faithfully


**Block Development Officer
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**The Assistant Commissioner Panchayats,
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No: -BDO/Gund/SBM-G/2575-76

Dated: - 17-07-2025.

Subject: - News item titled “Plastic pollution poses threat to Kashmir’s Great Lakes Treak” appearing in the Rising Kashmir dated 09-08-2024.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, this is to inform your good-self that the news item published in the daily newspaper, The Rising Kashmir, regarding “Plastic pollution poses threat to Kashmir’s Great Lakes Treak”, has been duly noted. In response, this office initiated prompt measures for removal of plastic waste littering at the starting point of the trek. The concerned Secretary Panchayat along with sanitation workers conducted cleanliness drive, ensuring complete removal of plastic waste from the affected site (falling within the jurisdiction of this office). Additionally, local residents and shopkeepers were sensitized on the Solid Waste Management Program run by this office and about the harmful effects of use of plastic and polythene.

Furthermore, it is to submit that the said area is currently closed for trekkers and visitors by the government and no one is allowed to visit there and the said area is currently litter free.

Hence, report is submitted for favour of information and further necessary action.

Yours Sincerely



**Block Development Officer
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1. Assistant Commissioner Development Ganderbal for favour of information.