

**BEFORE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

Original Application No. 1118/2024

News Item titled "Clean Ganga mission head flags, extremely slow, pace of project expenditures" appearing in The Hindu dated 19.08.2024

Date of hearing: 10.11.2025

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant: Suo Motu

Respondents: Mr. Gigi. C. George, Adv. for NMCG
Mr. Vikrant N. Goyal, Adv. for CPCB (Through VC)
Ms. Asha Gopalan Nair, Advocate for MoEF & CC (Through VC)

ORDER

1. Learned Counsel for the NMCG submits that the reports have been sought from the States and State Pollution Control Boards from where River Ganga or its tributaries are flowing. These reports are awaited and he seeks 04 weeks' time to file the comprehensive report.
2. The NMCG will also disclose in that report if the tapping of storm water drains is permissible as a permanent measure because such tapping will not only affect the storm water discharge network but will also result in over flowing of these storm water drains if the sewage drains are connected with the same and it will also violate the orders of the court prohibiting discharge of sewage to the storm water drain and will result in over flooding of the STPs during the rainy season and consequential flowing of untreated sewage in the rivers and natural water course.
3. The NMCG will also disclose if any STP has been permitted on the flood plain zones of River Ganga or its tributaries and if any such STP has been financed by the NMCG. It will also disclose the stretches of River

Ganga and its tributaries where the flood plains have been demarcated.

Let this report be filed within 04 weeks.

4. List on 10.02.2026.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

November 10th, 2025
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