

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

Original Application No. 348/2021
(I.A. No. 563/2025)

Pradeep Kumar & Anr.

Applicant(s)

Versus

Union of India & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 18.09.2025

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

Applicant: Mr. Akash Vashishtha, Advocate for the applicant
Respondents: Mr. Ravindra Kumar, Senior Advocate with Mr. Shivam Saksena,
Advocate for R – 4
Mr. Aditya Vaibhav Singh and Mr. Gautam Singh, Advocates for UPPCB

ORDER

1. In this Original Application (OA), the applicant has made allegation in respect of discharge of sewage on open land, roads, internal lanes and the storm water drains in 93 villages of Greater Noida.

2. Names of theses villages were disclosed by the applicant in paragraph no. 3 of the OA.

3. I.A. No.563/2025 has been filed by the applicant seeking permission to amend the paragraph no.3 of the OA to bring on record the names of all the concerned villages of Greater Noida where problem exists.

4. Learned Counsel for the applicant submits that by way of amendment, applicant is now disclosing the names of 93 villages of Greater Noida. On due consideration, IA 563/2025 is allowed.

5. Learned Counsel for the applicant is directed to supply amended copy of the IA to Learned Counsel for the respondent no.4-GNIDA within two weeks.

6. Learned Counsel for respondent no.4-GNIDA has filed report dated 05.02.2025 disclosing that only 115 villages out of 124 villages notified for Greater Noida effectively fall within the Greater Noida where the issue of sewer connection needs to be examined. The status of these 115 villages has also been disclosed in the report. Disclosures so made in the report dated 31.01.2025 is as under:-

“4. Further, in regard to the compliance of the Order dt 19.07.2024 passed by this Hon'ble Tribunal, it is submitted that

- (i). a total of 124 Villages had been notified for Greater Noida.*
- (ii). Out of 124 villages, 2 nos. villages (Rohillapur, Rasulpur rai) are uninhabited.*
- (ii). Out of 124 Villages, 6 nos. of villages (Chhaproli banger, Mohiyapur, Shahdra, Mavai, Akbarpur bahrapur, Nalgarha) have been partly notified for the Greater Noida but the abadi portion of these Villages fall in Noida. Only a small portion of these villages and that too excluding the abadi falls in Greater Noida, therefore, nothing for development of sever works can be developed for these Villages by the answering respondent.*
- (iii). Similarly, out of 124 Villages, 1 no. of village i.e. Duda-heda, has been partly notified for the Greater Noida, but the abadi portion of this Village falls in District Ghaziabad. Only a small portion of this village and that too excluding the abadi fall in Greater Noida, therefore, nothing for development of sever works can be developed for this Village by the answering respondent.*
Thus, only 115 nos. of villages would effectively fall in Greater Noida area where the issue of sewer connection may be examined.

5. A comparative chart of the progress made after the filing of the earlier status report on 12.7.2024 is summarized as under:”

S.Nd	Description	Status as on 30.6.2024	Status as on 31.01.2025
1	Total nos. of household in 46 villages	12,707	
2	Villages with 100% household sewer connections (out of 46 nos. of villages)	15	25
3	Household sewer connections provided in 46 villages	9,783	11,383
4	De-sludging points	55	55
5	De-sludging vehicles	35	35

6. With a view to sensitize the residents of the pre-existing villages, GNIDA has been conducting information, education, communication in all the villages, requesting them to take sewer connections, which will be provided free of cost. Still, there is visible reluctance on the part of the villagers to take the sewer connections being provided free of cost. Despite all odds, GNIDA till date has been able to connect 12,388 nos. of connections, details whereof are set out in para 5 above.

7. The 25 nos. of villages, where GNIDA has achieved 100% household sewer connections, In 25 nos. of villages, GNIDA, has achieved 100% household sewer connections i.e. Aichher, Jaitpur-Vaishpur, Kyampur, Tugalpur, Brahmpur Gajrola urf Nawada, Bironda, Birondi Tajpur, Gurjarpur, Namoli, Rampur Jagir, Behumpur, Birondi chakrasenpur, Chuhadpur khadar, Dabra, Jalpur, Junpat, Malakpur, Mubarakpur, Mathuraapur, Nawada, Raipur Banger, Sakipur, Derin chauganpur, Luksar and Naton ki Mandaiya.

8. As on date the GNIDA, has connected 46 nos. of villages with STP /Peripheral sewer lines. The summary of the number of villages connected to each STP are as follows:-

Sr.	STP	Nos of connected villages to STP
1	137 MLD STP	31
2	20 MLD STP	8
3	15 MLD STP	6
4	2/ 10 MLD STP	1
	Total	46

9. As on 31.1.2025, the progress/plan, made in the remaining 69 nos of villages (which is the balance after accounting for the progress mad in 46 nos. of villages out of a total of 115 nos. of villages) for laying down sewers and connectivity of households is set out in the following chart:

S. No.	Particulars	No. of villages	Name of Villages
1			
2	Villages to be connected to STP by end of the Aug.2025	16	12 villages to be connected to existing 20 MLD STP with rising Main (Tender of rising main is under process for approval & work shall be completed by 8/2025 and SPS (U/C) in Sector-1 shall also be completed by 8/2025). These 12 nos of villages are:- Aimnabad,Bisrakh Jalalpur,Chipyana Bujurg, Chipyana Khurd, Haibatpur, Ithera,Yusufpurchak Sahaberi, Milak Lachchi, Patwari, Roja Jalalpur, Roja Yakubpur, Sahaberi, 4 villages to be connected with existing 137 MLD STP. These villages are

			<p>Thapkheda, Ajayabpur Ladpura, Makoda.</p> <p>The civil construction work of "Intermediate Pumping Sewage Station" in Sector-1, GNIDA has been completed 100% and the electrical work and commissioning is expected to be completed by end of the August 2025, where after 16 more villages would be connected to STP.</p>
3	Villages to be connected to STP by end of the year 2026	22	<p>12 villages to be connected with 50 MLD STP(Estimate stage at IIT Delhi). These Villages are: Vaidpura, Bhanota, Bhola Rawal, Devla, Khedi, Khodna Kalan, Khodna Khurd, Kairachpur (kailashpur), Sadullapur, Saini, Sunpura and Tilapta Karanwas,</p> <p>1 villages to be connected with 12 MLD STP(Estimate approval stage) i.e. Village Murshidpur</p> <p>6 villages to be connected with 2 MLDSTPBadalpur (To be upgrade from 2 MLD to 10 MLD) These villages are Achheja, Jonsimana, Amka, Roopwas, Chhapraula and Dhoom Manikpur</p> <p>3 villages to be connected Decenterlised with STP (Being prepared by IIT Delhi). These villages are Bodaki, Pali and Palla.</p>
4	Village to be connected with STP/by De centralized STP by end of the year 2027 (Afte approval of land us master plan). Thes villages fall within the area for which Maste Plan is yet to be made.	31	<p>Master Plan for the area in which these 31 Nos. of Villages are falling, is yet to be prepared However treatment of sewage of these villages is done by De-slugging tankers & De-sludging point.</p> <p>GNIDA proposes to construct De-centralised STP for a group of even 4-5 villages. DPR of De centralized STP is being</p>

			<p><i>prepared by IIT-Delhi which will functional by 31.12.2027.</i></p> <p><i>These villages are</i></p> <p><i>Ajampur Garhi, Amarpur, Aminabad(Niyana), Astoli, Atai Muradpur, Bagpur, Bilaspur, Bisayach, chachula, Chirsi, DadupurDankaur, Dalelgarh, Daudpur, Devta, Girdharpur, Hatewa, Junedpur, Kanarsi, KherliHafizpur, Kulipura, Jetpur, Nanuaka Rajpur, PanchayatInayatpur, PipalkaSuratpur, Raghunathpur, RampurMazra, Roni, Roshanpur, SalempurGurjar, Taldaand Ghanghola.</i></p>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>69</i>	

10. In all the pre-existing villages, GNIDA has carried out and continuous carrying out extensive campaign to persuade the villagers to take a sewer connection, which is being provided free of cost. The impediment, which GNIDA is facing are:

- (i). There is general reluctance on the part of the villagers to get connect their house to the sewer network as it would entail some breakage/construction within the house.*
- (ii). Villagers are draining cattle excreta/animal dung into drains causing chocking and overflow of the drains and increase of faecal matter in the drains. By way of sample, GNIDA is submitting GPS tagged photo from Sadullapur village before the Hon'ble NGT to present the general practice adopted by villagers to dispose cattle /animal dung into the drains.*
- (iii). Though GNIDA has been providing sewer connections free of cost, but the villagers are hesitant to take sewer connections as they are apprehensive that in future, they would have to pay sewer charges.*
- (iv). The access road must be dug up to lay sewer line from individual houses to the manholes. The villagers are densely populated with narrow lanes, therefore laying of these connections is slow as the process creates hindrance to their access and movement. The work must be carried out with great caution to avoid ingress and egress issue besides traffic issue. Thus, work must be carried out during the lean traffic hours. for the said reason, the work has to be halted multiple times during the day which adds to the time taken to provide connection, provided the villager agrees to take the connection.*
- (v). Service connection for water, gas pipelines and internet cables are laid beneath the roads. As a result, the coordination with electrical and water department, internet connection providers and gas connection provider further contribute to the delay. Except for water,*

the remaining departments are not under the administrative control of GNIDA.

11. With a view to sensitize the residents of the pre-existing villages, GNIDA has been conducting information, education, communication in all the villages, requesting them to apply for sewer connections, which will be provided free of cost. Still, there is visible reluctance on the part of the villagers to take the sewer connections being granted free of cost. Despite all odds, GNIDA till date has been able to connect 11,383 nos. of connections, details whereof are set out in para 5 above.

12. For addressing the issue in hand, a three-tier approach has been adopted, involving the GNIDA directly, utilizing the services of call centres and hiring 95 nos. of Supervisors to monitor sewer issue in the villages. Further, GNIDA has also engaged the services of U.P. Jal Nigam to speed up connecting the remaining villages to the STPs. It is expedited that, 16 villages by the end of Aug., 2025 and 22 villages by the end of 2026, thus 38 more villages shall be connected by the end of 2026, which will make the number of total STP connected villages from 46 to 84.

13. For the remaining 31 nos. of villages, it is proposed that these too would be connected to the de-centralised STPs by the end of the year 2027 and that will make all 115 villages of GNIDA connected with STPs. meanwhile, these villages also have access to de-sludging points.

14. However, in the meanwhile, these 69 (38+31) villages have been provided access to de-sludging points.

15. GNIDA has so far provided 55 nos. of de-sludging points for disposal of sewage collected from the villages. Out of the 69 villages covered by the sewage Management Services, 60 falls within the radius of 5 Kms from the de-sludging points while the remaining falls within 9 Kms. It may be noticed that the Manual of Faecal Sludge provide for sewage management facilities within a distance of 10 Kms, Thus the applicable norms are being adhered to. The persons, managing the de-sludging operations are provided PPE Kites.

16. In addition to the de-sludging points, GNIDA has also engaged 35 nos. of de-sludging Vehicles. Call Centres established have been attending to the cells relating to sewer, septic issue - whenever received for which Data is maintained."

7. Learned Senior Counsel appearing for GNIDA referring to the paragraph no.5 of the above reply has submitted that in respect of the 25 villages out of 46 villages, 100% households sewer connection has been provided. In respect of the other also substantive work has been done and about 500 households are remaining for providing the sewer connection. He has referred to the paragraph nos. 6 and 10 of the reply to point out the problem being faced in providing the sewer connection to them.

8. Learned Counsel for the applicant is granted four weeks' time to examine the report dated 31.01.2025 filed by respondent no.4 and place on record contradictory material, if any, by way of affidavit.

9. List on 15.12.2025.

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