

Item No. 02

(Court No. 1)

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

(By Video Conferencing)

Original Application No. 108/2021

H.C. Arora

Applicant

Versus

Union of India & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 24.05.2021

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADARSH KUMAR GOEL, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M. SATHYANARAYANAN, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BRIJESH SETHI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. NAGIN NANDA, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant: Mr. H.C. Arora, in Person

ORDER

1. Prayer in this application is for direction to frame a Policy for cremation of the unclaimed dead bodies, exclusively in Gas Crematoriums, and to provide some incentive, like free commercial gas cylinder, for motivating people in other cases to cremate the dead bodies of their dear and near ones in the LPG Crematoria. The case set out in this application is that in the wake of COVID-19 Pandemic, there are large scale deaths and there are unclaimed dead bodies requiring proper cremation, in the interest of protecting the environment.

2. The issue raised primarily concerns action by the Administration, having regard to the fact situation and all relevant circumstances at a particular place. The applicant has impleaded MoEF&CC, States of Punjab and Haryana through their Chief Secretaries as parties. However,

having regard to the nature of the issue, the same issue can be looked into by all the concerned authorities of all the States/UTs in the country.

3. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the issue, we consider it appropriate to dispose of this application with a direction that a copy of this order be forwarded to the MoEF&CC, CPCB, Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs, State PCBs/PCCs and Districts Magistrates of all the States/UTs by e-mail for such consideration as may be found necessary.

Adarsh Kumar Goel, CP

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

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Dr. Nagin Nanda, EM

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