

Item No. 02

Court No. 1

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

(By Video Conferencing)

Original Application No. 136/2020

Veterans Forum for Transparency  
in Public Life

Applicant(s)

Versus

State of Himachal Pradesh & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 22.07.2020

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADARSH KUMAR GOEL, CHAIRPERSON  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S. P. WANGDI, JUDICIAL MEMBER  
HON'BLE DR. NAGIN NANDA, EXPERT MEMBER**

**ORDER**

1. Prayer in this application is to direct remedial action against discharge of waste in CETP at Baddi by Acme Life Sciences, Nalagarh and Helio Pharmaceuticals at Solan to prevent pollution of rivers Sirsa and Satluj. According to the applicant, the CETP is not connected to pharmaceutical units at Barotiwala and Nalagarh who are discharging their effluents directly into the rivers. It is further stated that even after treatment in ETP/STPs, pharmaceutical ingredients may still be coming out from the industries unless ETP/STPs are specialized for the purpose. It is further stated that present CETP is not designed to neutralize API. The TSDF does not receive sludge generated from the industrial units at Nalagarh. The industries located at Baddi area are generating 20779 KLD of industrial effluent, out of which 17894 KLD is being treated at CETP and remaining 2885 KLD is being disposed of by the occupiers directly

into river Sirsa. There is no existing sewerage system in BBN area and no demarcation in residential and industrial area. Presence of Ciprofloxacin in the concentration of 296.1 ug/l was found on chemical analysis. Concentration of Ciprofloxacin in the effluent discharge of M/s Acme Life Sciences work out to be 13455 times of the prescribed limit. The increasing occurrence of multi-resistant pathogens is a serious global threat to human health and it is finding its way into the water bodies and drinking water through industrial discharge and also due to heavy use of antibiotics in human and veterinary medicine.

2. The above issue may need to be looked into and action taken to prevent discharge of untreated chemical waste in water bodies in the interest of environment and public health.

3. Let a joint Committee of CPCB, State PCB and District Magistrate, Solan look into the above issues in the light of contents of the application and take such further action as may found necessary. The State PCB will be the Nodal Agency for compliance and coordination. A factual and action taken report may be furnished to this Tribunal within three months by e-mail at [judicial-ngt@gov.in](mailto:judicial-ngt@gov.in) preferably in the form of searchable PDF/ OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

A copy of this order be forwarded to the CPCB, State PCB and District Magistrate, Solan by e-mail.

The applicant may serve a set of papers on CPCB, State PCB and District Magistrate, Solan and file affidavit of service within ten days.

List for further consideration on 04.01.2021.

O.A. No. 801/2018, Jasmeet Singh v. State of Himachal Pradesh  
which relates to the same area and is now listed for hearing on  
25.08.2020, may also now be listed on 04.01.2021.

Adarsh Kumar Goel, CP

S. P. Wangdi, JM

Dr. Nagin Nanda, EM

July 22, 2020  
Original Application No. 136/2020  
A