

Item No. 05

Court No. 1

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

Original Application No. 88/2025

Devidas Khatri

Applicant

Versus

MoEF&CC & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 03.03.2025

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

Applicant: Mr. Rohit Kumar Tuteja, Adv. for Applicant (Through VC)

ORDER

1. In this Original Application the Applicant has raised the issue of illegal mushrooming of e-waste collection and recycling centers near Delhi and across the Country. The submission of the Counsel for the Applicant is that the e-waste collection centers are granted registration without any prior verification. Counsel for the Applicant referring to the E-waste Management Rules, 2022 Annexure A-1 has submitted that the registration is granted on the basis of the Application without any physical verification to ascertain if the concerned unit has the requisite facility for recycling of e-waste. He submits that even the scrape dealer (*Kabadiwala*) on the basis of such application provided under the Rules are getting e-waste recycler registration without any facility.

2. It has also been pointed that the CPCB has issued the SOP Annexure A-2 which provides for the physical/virtual inspection of the recycling units by the Regional Director, CPCB/SPCBs/PCCs after the grant of the

registration within three months. His submission is that no physical verification is done, hence, the recycling units are illegally operating.

3. Counsel for the Applicant has also submitted that earlier the applicant had filed OA No. 47/2025 raising this issue but the material, particulars, violators and affected parties were not impleaded therefore by order dated 30.01.2025, OA was disposed of with liberty to the Applicant to file a fresh OA with full particulars and by impleading the concerned parties. He submits that in this OA the concerned affected parties/recyclers operating illegally have been impleaded.

4. Issue Notice to the Respondents for filing their reply by way of Affidavit.

5. The Applicant is directed to serve Notice to the Respondents and file affidavit of service atleast one week before the next date of hearing.

6. The Respondent No. 2-CPCB and the Respondents no. 3 to 6 SPCBs are directed to file the detailed report disclosing the details of the inspection of the recyclers units under consideration and also facilities which are available in the recycling units and if prior to their registration any verification has been done by doing the physical inspection.

7. List on 03.07.2025.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

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