

Item No.1

(Court No. 2)

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPALBENCH**

(By Video Conferencing)

Original Application No. 112/2022

Article Published in the magazine i.e. Down to Earth dated 13, January, 2022 under the title Times's running out; Is India ready to handle 34,000 tonnes of Solar Waste by 2030?

Applicant

Date of hearing: 14.02.2022

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BRIJESH SETHI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE PROF. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

Application is registered as Suo Motu Case based on an Article published in Down to Earth Magazine.

ORDER

1. The Suo Motu cognizance has been taken by this Tribunal on an Article Published in the magazine i.e. 'Down to Earth dated 13, January, 2022 under the title 'Times's running out; Is India ready to handle 34,000 tonnes of Solar Waste by 2030?'. It is published in the article that India's ambitious solar target is 280 GW by 2030 and it is high time to formulate a sound solar waste management policy, whereas India does not have a solar waste management policy.

2. In view of the serious problem which we are going to face in future, a Joint Committee of Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF & CC) and Secretary, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) shall be constituted to ascertain the factual position in the matter. The MoEF & CC will be the Nodal agency for

coordination and compliance. The Joint Committee may meet within four weeks and undertake site visit, if required and look into the grievance. Accordingly, an Action Plan shall be prepared with regard to environmentally sound management of solar panel waste in accordance with the laid down norms. The Action Plan/Report may be furnished within three months by e-mail at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/ OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

3. List the matter for consideration on 24.05.2022.

A copy of this order, along with a copy of the complaint, be forwarded to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC) and Secretary, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) by e-mail for compliance.

Brijesh Sethi, JM

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