

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

Original Application No. 127/2025

MD Imran Ahmad

Applicant

Versus

Central Pollution Control Board & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 04.11.2025

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

Applicant: Mr. Md. Imran Ahmad, Applicant in Person

ORDER

1. In this Original Application (OA), applicant has made an allegation that many of the Grossly Polluting Industries (GPIs) in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh (UP), Haryana and Bihar have not complied with the direction of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and have not installed Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring Systems (OCEMS) and in the absence of such OCEMS as many as 1700 industries in these states are discharging effluents into crucial water bodies including river Ganga and Yamuna resulting in severe environmental degradation.

2. Applicant has referred to RTI reply dated 03.07.2024 given by CPCB stating as under:-

“Point no. 8: GPIs discharging effluents above 10 KLD (Kiloliters per day) must install Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring System (OCEMS) for the parameters of pH, flow, BOD, COD and TSS. However, GPIs discharging effluents below 10 KLD. must install flow meters at the outlet along-with web-camera..”

3. Applicant submits that in terms of the above, GPI units discharging effluents above 10 KLD are required to have OCEMS mandatorily. He submits that CPCB along with its communication dated 02.09.2024 to the concerned authorities had enclosed a list of 149 GPI which had failed to install OCEMS. He submits that list of such industries in respect of State of UP disclosing 704 GPIs, 21 GPIs for State of Bihar and 812 GPIs for State of Haryana and 149 GPIs for UT of Delhi was provided by CPCB but State Pollution Control Board (SPCBs/ Pollution Control Committee (PCC) have not taken adequate action to ensure that GPIs discharging more than 10 KLD effluents installed the OCEMS. He has also pointed out that representation dated 08.03.2025 was made to the Chairman, CPCB but on that representation also no action has been taken. He has submitted that having regard to the large number of defaulting industries it is not possible to implead them and serve them.

4. In the circumstances noted above, we are of the view that CPCB and concerned PCBs/ PCCs are required to take prompt action to ensure that GPIs which are required to have OCEMS do not commit the default and install the same without any delay. Hence, we dispose of the OA directing the Chairman, CPCB to duly consider the representation of the applicant dated 08.03.2025 and issue necessary direction to PCBs/PCC of UP, Haryana, Bihar and Delhi ensuring installation of OCEMS in the above GPIs and to monitor the same. The Member Secretaries of PCBs of UP, Haryana and Bihar and PCC of Delhi will submit the compliance report to the CPCB within two months from today and the CPCB will thereafter ensure that appropriate remedial and punitive action is taken against the defaulting units within one month thereafter.

5. Compliance report will be submitted by the CPCB immediately after three months to the Registrar General of the Tribunal by email at [judicial-](#)

ngt@gov.in. If it is found necessary, the matter will be listed for consideration before the Bench again.

6. OA is accordingly disposed of.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

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