

where illegal and unauthorized mining is going on. According to the Learned Counsel appearing for the two miners their activities is being hampered by unauthorized illegal mining and they have not even permitted to carry on their business. We have noticed these facts only to show the extent of illegal, unauthorized, unscientific and unregulated mining going on in this area which causes serious prejudice to the flow of the river and bio-diversity and ecology of the area. Each of the miners is worried about his investment and least bothered about river and ecology. It is indicated in the report of the Local Commissioner that there are two illegal and unauthorized bridges as shown in the Google Image produced by the officer and both the States have failed to perform their duties and control the illegal and unauthorized mining. The mining is being carried on not only in the river bed but right inside the river, as is evident from the photographs placed before the Tribunal. There is mechanical mining going on, which is strictly prohibited on the river bed. This certainly requires proper examination of the matter at some length. Therefore, we direct listing of all these matters on 12th January, 2016 as prayed by the parties. Till then the interim order will continue. We further direct the Commissioner of Police, Faridabad and Deputy Commissioner of Gautam Buddh Nagar, NOIDA and other connected officers that there should be no illegal and unauthorized mining whatsoever in these areas till further order of the Tribunal.

We make it clear that even if a single incident of sand mining and/or illegal and unauthorized mining is brought to the notice of the Tribunal, these officers shall

be personally liable to be proceeded against in accordance with law.

The Learned Counsel appearing for the Contractor prays for time to file reply. Reply be filed within one week from today with advance copy to the Applicant and all other counsel. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within one week from thereafter.

We hereby direct that all illegal and unauthorized bridges constructed over the river Yamuna, constructed by either miners and or by persons carrying on illegal and unauthorized mining shall be demolished by both the State Governments within three days from today and report be submitted before the Tribunal for which the status report shall be submitted to the Tribunal. The state of U.P. may also explain how and from where the sand is coming for the constructions being carried on in NOIDA and Ghaziabad as it is submitted that sand mining is prohibited in the District of Gautam Buddh Nagar, NOIDA.

MoEF has not complied with the directions of the Tribunal. We grant last opportunity to comply with all the directions and report to be filed within two weeks from today.

List this matter on 12th January, 2016.

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(Swatanter Kumar)

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