

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

CWP-15298-2018 (O&M)

Date of decision:- 16.05.2019

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...Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KRISHNA MURARI, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present:- Ms. Reeta Kohli, Senior Advocate,
with Mr. Rahul K. Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Arun Gosain, Senior Panel Counsel,
for respondents No. 1, 2 and 10.

Mr. Gaurav Pathak, Advocate,
for respondent No. 6.

Mr. Avinit Avasthi, Advocate,
for respondent No. 7.

Mr. D.S. Patwalia, Senior Advocate,
with Mr. Sangram Saron, Advocate,
and Mr. Gaurav Rana, Advocate,
for respondent No. 8.

Ms. Monica Chhibbar Sharma, Senior DAG, Punjab.

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KRISHNA MURARI, C.J. (ORAL)

It has been brought to our notice that the issue raised in this Public Interest Litigation with respect to extensive damage having been caused to flora and fauna on account of discharge of molasses into Beas River by the sugar mill situated in the area wherefrom the river flows is already taken cognizance by the National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi. We are also informed that at least eleven

petitions/applications in this regard are pending before the National Green Tribunal which is seized of the matter and has also constituted a Committee of a retired Judge of this Court to invite objections/suggestions etc.

2. In such circumstances, we do not think that this petition should continue on board any further before this Court as the issue can easily be resolved and sorted out by the National Green Tribunal which is already seized of the same.

3. In view of the above, we close the matter at this stage and consign the record with liberty to the petitioner to approach the National Green Tribunal.

4. With the aforesaid observations, the petition stands finally disposed of.

(KRISHNA MURARI)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

16.05.2019
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whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
whether reportable	Yes/No