



# राष्ट्रीय स्वच्छ गंगा मिशन National Mission for Clean Ganga

9<sup>th</sup> October 2018

To,  
The District Magistrate  
Haridwar

Sub: Direction under section 5 under The Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 for regulation of mining activities - reg.

Whereas, National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has been constituted as an authority by MoWR, RD & GR, vide notification no. S.O. 3187(E), dated 7th October 2016 (herein after called Authorities Order, 2016) under the provision of The Environment (Protection) Act, (hereafter called Act) to exercise powers and functions conferred under the said notification, in relation to River Ganga and matters connected therewith.

Whereas, para 39 of the above said notification provides functions of the NMCG and amongst other (Clause c) of the said para stipulates that NMCG shall identify or cause to be identified for the specific areas where such remedial actions are required to be taken for rejuvenation and protection of River Ganga and its tributaries, and

Whereas, it has been reported that mining of minor minerals are being undertaken/carried out on river bed of river Ganga in village Dhobighat, Misserpur, Ajeetpur, Bishanpur, Sajjanpur Pilli, Raigarh Aithal and Raigarh Mustkam in Haridwar, Uttrakhand by M/s. Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam Limited, Uttrakhand, which inter-alia raised the concern of pollution of river water due to movement of trucks and tractors and consequently impacting the ecosystem of river bed directly or indirectly

Whereas in compliance to the judgement of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal *in the matter OA no. 10/2015*, Government of Uttrakhand had issued direction vide letter no. 962/gre0.tribunal/bhu0khani0e0/2015-16 dt. 02 February 2016, to all District Magistrate, Managing Director- Garhwal Mandal Vikash Nigam; Managing Director, Uttrakhand Vaan Vikash Nigam and Managing Director,- Kumoo Mandal Vikash Nigam to comply with the following provisions:

- The river bed mining shall be carried on in a highly regulated manner and under strict supervision of the authorities concerned
- No mechanized river bed mining would be permitted. No JCBs would be permitted to operate in the river bed
- No suction of the minerals from the river and the river bed would be permitted by the mechanical process like suction pumps etc.
- The regulated mining would include the seasons during which such mining is permitted and which shall be strictly adhered to

Whereas para 41(2) (m) read with clause (3) of para 41 of the Authorities Order, 2016, empowers NMCG to direct any person or authority to take such measures which may be necessary for prevention, control and abatement of pollution, rejuvenation and protection and management in the river Ganga and its tributaries

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Whereas, considering the investigation reports of MoEF&CC and Hon'ble NGT order dated 15 April 2015 in the matter of OA 117of 2015, Central Pollution Control Board has issued direction under section 5 of the Act vide letter no. PCI-SSI/Direction-DM/SSP, Haridwar/2016 dated 6 December 2016, to Principal Secretary - Industrial Development; District Magistrate, Haridwar and Senior Superintendent of Police, Haridwar to comply with the following directions:

- (i) District Magistrate, Haridwar and Senior Superintendent Police, Haridwar shall ensure that the decision of Uttrakhand Government banning mining in Raiwala-to-Bhogpur stretch of Ganga River in Haridwar is strictly complied and no illegal mining takes place in this stretch of Ganga River.
- (ii) In view of the required action needed to stop illegal mining communicated by District Magistrate, Haridwar in letter dated 16.2.2016, Principal Secretary - Industrial Development, Government of Uttrakhand shall issue necessary orders immediately for closure of operation of stone crushers / pulverisers as applicable along the banks of Ganga River in Raiwala-to-Bhogpur stretch in Haridwar.
- (iii) On issuance of necessary orders from State Government, District Magistrate, Haridwar and Senior Superintendent Police, Haridwar shall immediately ensure closure of stone crushers / pulverisers as aforesaid in direction (ii) above.

Now, therefore, in view of above and in exercise of power vested to NMCG under para 8 of the Authorities Order, 2016, it is directed to comply with the following directions:

1. Ensure that the decision of Uttrakhand Government banning mining in Raiwala - to Bhogpur stretch of River Ganga in Haridwar is strictly complied and no illegal mining takes place in this stretch of River Ganga within the provision of judgement of Hon'ble NGT in the matter OA no. 10/2015 dt 15 April 2015
2. District Magistrate, Haridwar shall issue necessary orders immediately and ensure compliance of the order for closure of operation of stone crushers / pulverisers, as applicable along the banks of Ganga in Raiwala to Bhogpur stretch in Haridwar
3. Submit the compliance status of the direction issued in paragraph 2 above to NMCG on quarterly basis

  
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Copy to:

1. The Chief Secretary, Uttrakhand - For information please
2. The Secretary MoWR&RD,GR, Gol  
Cum Chairman, Principal Committee - For Information please
3. The Project Director,  
SMCG- Uttrakhand - For necessary follow up and  
submission of independent compliance  
status report to NMCG