BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
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Execution Application No. 49/2026
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Versus

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Reply on behalf of Respondent No.6 i.e. Haryana State Pollution Control Board through Member Secretary

Most Respectfully Showeth

1. That present reply is being filed through Dr. Sunil Sheoran, Regional Officer, Haryana State Pollution Control Board, Bahadurgarh who is authorized and competent to file the present reply on behalf of answering respondent.
2. That the present matter arises out of Original Application filed by the applicant, Sh. Satish Kumar, S/o Sh. Chander Singh, resident of Village Jhanswa, Tehsil Matanhail, District Jhajjar, alleging the illegal felling of more than 188 trees from the Gauchar land situated within the revenue estate of Village Jhanswa. The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal directed the Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) to assess, compute and recover Environmental Compensation from the violators for the illegal cutting/felling of trees, in accordance with law, and to submit a compliance report before the Hon'ble Tribunal.
3. That, in compliance with the aforesaid directions, the methodology for assessment and computation of Environmental Compensation (EC) for illegal felling of trees has been adopted by HSPCB vide letter No. I/297224/2026 dated 10.10.2026. The assessment shall be carried out in accordance with the methodology approved by the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal vide order dated 04.12.2024 passed in O.A. No. 147/2024, titled Hardeep Sharma Vs. Ramesh Chand Arya, and having regard to the directions issued in O.A. No. 335/2023, titled Pramod Tyagi Vs. State of NCT of Delhi & Ors. The assessment proceedings shall be completed in due course, following the prescribed procedure and after affording Respondent No. 5 a reasonable opportunity of being heard.
4. That accordingly, Show Notice for imposition of tentative Environmental Compensation amounting to Rs. 1,12,81,851/-

(Rupees One Crore Twelve Lakh Eight One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-One only) has been issued to the Gram Panchayat, Village-Jhanswa, District Jhajjar vide No. HSPCB/BDR/2026/4077-78 dated 22.10.2026, Further after expiry period of SCN or reply received from above the said Gram Panchayat, Environmental Compensation will be decided in accordance with the applicable methodology and directions of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal and the relevant policy of the Board. Copy of Show Cause Notice is attached as **Annexure – R6/A**.

That the answering respondent respectfully undertakes to comply with any directions that may be issued by this Hon'ble Tribunal in the interest of environmental protection. In view of the facts and circumstances mentioned herein above the reply is submitted on the behalf of respondent No. 6 for kind consideration of the Hon'ble Tribunal.

Date: 24.10.2026
Place: Bahadurgarh

Regional Officer,
Haryana State Pollution Control Board
Bahadurgarh Region,

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Sunil Sheoran, Regional Officer, Haryana State Pollution Control Board, Bahadurgarh Region aged about 42 years do hereby solemnly affirm and state as under:-

1. That in the aforesaid official capacity, I am well conversant with the facts and circumstances of the case and is authorized to file the present reply on behalf of Respondent No. 6. Therefore, I am competent to swear this affidavit.

2. That I have gone through the contents of accompanying reply which has been drafted under my instructions.

NOTARY M.K. SAINI Bahadurgarh, JJR. (Hr.) Reg. No. 17692 GOVT. OF INDIA

Deponent

Verification:

Verified at Bahadurgarh on day of October 2026 that the contents of affidavit are true and correct to my knowledge and on the basis of information derived from the official record which I believe to be true and no material fact has been concealed therein.

Deponent

ATTESTED
Mukesh Kumar Saini
Advocate & Notary
Bahadurgarh, Jhajjar (HR

Annexure- R6/A

HARYANA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
REGIONAL OFFICE, BAHADURGARH
SCF No. 42 & 43, SHOPPING CENTRE, SECTOR-6, HSVP,
BAHADURGARH Ph No.01276-298077,
E-Mail: hspcbrobdh@gmail.com, Web: hspcb.gov.in

No. HSPCB/BDR/2026/4077-78 **Dated: 22/10 /2026**

To

The Gram Panchayat,
Village Jhanswa,
District Jhajjar, Haryana.

Sub: Show Cause Notice regarding imposition of Environmental Compensation on account of felling of 188 trees from Panchayat land at Village Jhanswa, District Jhajjar, as reported by the Forest Department.

Ref.: in connection with OA No. 119/2024 titled Satish Kumar Versus MoEFCC & Ors. and Execution Application No. 49/2026 before the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal.

Whereas, as per the report submitted by the Forest Department, 188 trees were felled from the Panchayat land situated at Village Jhanswa, District Jhajjar, Haryana vide forest department letter dated 01.04.2024.

Whereas, the felling of trees results in the loss of tree cover and associated environmental benefits, and the matter is under consideration before the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in the above-mentioned proceedings.

Whereas, the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, in its judgment dated 04.12.2024 in OA No. 147/2024 titled Hardeep Sharma Versus Ramesh Chand Aarya, approved the methodology for assessment and computation of Environmental Compensation for illegal felling of trees, based on the principle of "Polluter Pays".

Whereas, the Haryana State Pollution Control Board has adopted its policy/procedure for assessment and imposition of Environmental Compensation vide letter no. I/297224/2026 dated 10.10.2026.

Whereas, in accordance with the aforesaid methodology, tentative amount of Environmental Compensation to be levied in respect of the felling of the aforesaid 188 trees has been calculated as ₹1,12,81,851/- as per the tree-wise calculation sheet prepared on the basis of the applicable methodology. Copy of Tree-Wise Environmental Compensation calculation sheet is attached **Annexure-1**.

Whereas, the Gram Panchayat, Village Jhanswa, is hereby called upon to show cause for 15 days as to why Environmental Compensation should not be imposed for the environmental loss arising from the felling of the aforesaid 188 trees, in accordance with the applicable methodology and directions of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal and the relevant policy of the Board.

In case a reply is received within the stipulated period, the same shall be examined before taking a final decision in the matter. In case no reply is received within the stipulated period, the matter shall be decided on the basis of the available record, in accordance with the applicable methodology, the directions of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal and the instructions issued by the Board.

Regional Officer
HSPCB Bahadurgarh

No. HSPCB/BDR/2026/..... **Dated:.....**

A copy of the above is forwarded to the Chairman, HSPCB, Panchkula for kind information and further necessary action please.

Regional Officer
HSPCB Bahadurgarh

ANNEXURE – 1

TREE-WISE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPENSATION CALCULATION SHEET

In the matter of: Show Cause Notice proposed to the Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Village Jhanswa, Tehsil Matanhail, District Jhajjar, regarding alleged illegal felling of trees from Gauchar land.

Reference: NGT order dated 09.09.2024 in O.A. No. 119/2024 (Execution Application No. 49/2026); HSPCB Head Office letter dated 10.10.2026 adopting the methodology for assessment and computation of environmental compensation for illegal felling of trees.

Parameters and formula:

Cost Factor = Rs.582.39; Species Factor = 0.50; Condition Factor = 0.75; Location Factor = 0.65.

Trunk Area (TA) = Girth² / (4π). Environmental Compensation before royalty = TA × Cost Factor × Species Factor × Condition Factor × Location Factor.

The tree-wise girths, trunk areas and EC values as given below:-

Marking No.	Girth (cm)	Trunk Area (cm²)	EC before royalty (Rs.)
1	95	718.19	101,952.03
2	64	325.95	46,270.97
3	60	286.48	40,667.85
4	56	249.55	35,426.21
5	44	154.06	21,870.26
6	28	62.39	8,856.55
7	70	389.93	55,353.46
8	35	97.48	13,838.36
9	82	535.08	75,958.50
10	73	424.07	60,199.71
11	51	206.98	29,382.52
12	37	108.94	15,465.08
13	57	258.55	36,702.73
14	54	232.05	32,940.96
15	80	509.30	72,298.39
16	58	267.70	38,001.84
17	90	644.58	91,502.65
18	90	644.58	91,502.65
19	60	286.48	40,667.85
20	116	1,070.79	152,007.37
21	64	325.95	46,270.97
22	80	509.30	72,298.39
23	64	325.95	46,270.97
24	64	325.95	46,270.97
25	72	412.53	58,561.70
26	72	412.53	58,561.70
27	104	860.71	122,184.28
28	76	459.64	65,249.30
29	72	412.53	58,561.70
30	80	509.30	72,298.39
31	68	367.97	52,235.59

32	60	286.48	40,667.85
33	64	325.95	46,270.97
34	70	389.93	55,353.46
35	46	168.39	23,903.66
36	46	168.39	23,903.66
37	57	258.55	36,702.73
38	70	389.93	55,353.46
39	102	827.92	117,530.07
40	76	459.64	65,249.30
41	89	630.33	89,480.56
42	59	277.01	39,323.55
43	52	215.18	30,546.07
44	72	412.53	58,561.70
45	49	191.07	27,123.19
46	46	168.39	23,903.66
47	43	147.14	20,887.46
48	59	277.01	39,323.55
49	52	215.18	30,546.07
50	40	127.32	18,074.60
51	40	127.32	18,074.60
52	48	183.35	26,027.42
53	41	133.77	18,989.62
54	76	459.64	65,249.30
55	44	154.06	21,870.26
56	38	114.91	16,312.32
57	38	114.91	16,312.32
58	38	114.91	16,312.32
59	64	325.95	46,270.97
60	49	191.07	27,123.19
61	72	412.53	58,561.70
62	78	484.15	68,728.66
63	89	630.33	89,480.56
64	65	336.21	47,728.24
65	40	127.32	18,074.60
66	42	140.37	19,927.24
67	49	191.07	27,123.19
68	86	588.55	83,549.83
69	66	346.64	49,208.09
70	46	168.39	23,903.66
71	54	232.05	32,940.96
72	40	127.32	18,074.60
73	46	168.39	23,903.66
74	65	336.21	47,728.24
75	74	435.77	61,860.31
76	70	389.93	55,353.46
77	74	435.77	61,860.31
78	45	161.14	22,875.66
79	51	206.98	29,382.52
80	65	336.21	47,728.24

81	41	133.77	18,989.62
82	57	258.55	36,702.73
83	50	198.94	28,241.56
84	41	133.77	18,989.62
85	41	133.77	18,989.62
86	40	127.32	18,074.60
87	56	249.55	35,426.21
88	38	114.91	16,312.32
89	62	305.90	43,424.22
90	80	509.30	72,298.39
91	85	574.95	81,618.11
92	36	103.13	14,640.42
93	34	91.99	13,058.90
94	42	140.37	19,927.24
95	46	168.39	23,903.66
96	138	1,515.47	215,132.91
97	57	258.55	36,702.73
98	45	161.14	22,875.66
99	45	161.14	22,875.66
100	132	1,386.56	196,832.37
101	107	911.08	129,335.05
102	75	447.62	63,543.51
103	52	215.18	30,546.07
104	148	1,743.06	247,441.25
105	123	1,203.93	170,906.62
106	106	894.13	126,928.87
107	105	877.34	124,545.28
108	89	630.33	89,480.56
109	79	496.64	70,502.23
110	74	435.77	61,860.31
111	70	389.93	55,353.46
112	66	346.64	49,208.09
113	86	588.55	83,549.83
114	80	509.30	72,298.39
115	89	630.33	89,480.56
116	102	827.92	117,530.07
117	96	733.39	104,109.69
118	102	827.92	117,530.07
119	66	346.64	49,208.09
120	68	367.97	52,235.59
121	48	183.35	26,027.42
122	93	688.27	97,704.50
123	86	588.55	83,549.83
124	78	484.15	68,728.66
125	64	325.95	46,270.97
126	89	630.33	89,480.56
127	88	616.25	87,481.06
128	36	103.13	14,640.42
129	64	325.95	46,270.97

130	76	459.64	65,249.30
131	82	535.08	75,958.50
132	170	2,299.79	326,472.43
133	50	198.94	28,241.56
134	40	127.32	18,074.60
135	58	267.70	38,001.84
136	40	127.32	18,074.60
137	74	435.77	61,860.31
138	70	389.93	55,353.46
139	72	412.53	58,561.70
140	59	277.01	39,323.55
141	40	127.32	18,074.60
142	44	154.06	21,870.26
143	56	249.55	35,426.21
144	141	1,582.08	224,588.18
145	112	998.22	141,704.85
146	57	258.55	36,702.73
147	59	277.01	39,323.55
148	56	249.55	35,426.21
149	88	616.25	87,481.06
150	72	412.53	58,561.70
151	43	147.14	20,887.46
152	45	161.14	22,875.66
153	50	198.94	28,241.56
154	53	223.53	31,732.22
155	117	1,089.34	154,639.48
156	42	140.37	19,927.24
157	50	198.94	28,241.56
158	49	191.07	27,123.19
159	84	561.50	79,708.98
160	147	1,719.59	244,108.75
161	52	215.18	30,546.07
162	112	998.22	141,704.85
163	86	588.55	83,549.83
164	74	435.77	61,860.31
165	125	1,243.40	176,509.75
166	127	1,283.51	182,203.25
167	45	161.14	22,875.66
168	43	147.14	20,887.46
169	48	183.35	26,027.42
170	68	367.97	52,235.59
171	45	161.14	22,875.66
172	97	748.74	106,289.93
173	122	1,184.43	168,138.95
174	115	1,052.41	149,397.85
175	94	703.15	99,816.97
176	123	1,203.93	170,906.62
177	125	1,243.40	176,509.75
178	80	509.30	72,298.39

179	85	574.95	81,618.11
180	57	258.55	36,702.73
181	46	168.39	23,903.66
182	54	232.05	32,940.96
183	39	121.04	17,182.16
184	86	588.55	83,549.83
185	77	471.81	66,977.68
186	50	198.94	28,241.56
187	40	127.32	18,074.60
188	58	267.70	38,001.84

Summary of Total EC:

Number of trees	188
Tree-wise EC subtotal before royalty	Rs.1,15,17,280.84
Royalty/fine stated as already imposed by Forest Department vide Letter No. 70 dated 09.04.2024	Rs.2,35,429.00
Net Environmental Compensation (EC) = Tree-wise EC Subtotal Before Royalty − Royalty Amount	**Rs.1,12,81,851**