

(Preliminary)

**Visit Report of the Executing Committee on M/s Nachiketa Papers Ltd. Village Mubarikpur Tehsil Dera Bassi, District SAS Nagar in compliance to Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principal Bench, Delhi Order dated 23.10.2018 in OA No. 677 of 2018 titled Mubarikpur Camp, Dera Bassi Vs Nachiketa Paper Mill**

**BACKGROUND**

In pursuance to the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) order dated 23.10.2018, on the captioned subject, a committee appointed by the NGT, New Delhi, on the matter of Stench Grips Mansa's Sacred Ghaggar River (OA 138 of 2016) had visited the Unit viz., M/s Nachiketa Papers Ltd. Village Mubarikpur Tehsil Dera Bassi, District SAS Nagar *under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice Pritam Pal (Former Judge Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court)* on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in order to verify the facts rose before the Hon'ble Court. Following were the other members of the visited team:

- 1) Sh. J.Chandra Babu, Scientist D, CPCB and Member of Executing Committee
- 2) Dr. Vimal Hatwal, Jt. Director, MoEF & CC and Member of Executing Committee
- 3) Sh. Tejinder Kumar, Senior Environmental Engineer, PPCB, Patiala;
- 4) Sh. Kuldeep Singh, Environmental Engineer, RO, PPCB, Mohali; and
- 5) Sh. Nikhil Gupta, Assitant Envi. Engineer, PPCB, Patiala.

Sh. Paraj Kumar Mathur, Vice President of the industry was present at site during the inspection.

**ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

Hon'ble NGT vide order dated 23.10.2018 (**Annexure-I**) in the matter of Original Application No. 657 of 2018 titled Mubarikpur Camp, Dera Bassi Vs. Nachiketa Paper Mill directed as follows, which is reproduced as below:-

*"Proceedings have been initiated in this matter on receipt of a letter alleging that there is discharge of contaminated and poisonous liquid waste into the river Ghaggar by Nachiketa Paper Mill, in village Mubarikpur, Dera Bassi, Punjab.*

*The Tribunal has constituted a Committee headed by Justice Pritam Pal, Former Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court vide order dated 07.08.2018 in the matter of Original Application No.138 of 2016 (TNHRC), (Case No.559/19/11/14) - Stench Grips Mansa's Sacred Ghaggar River (Suo-Motu Case), to look into the issue of discharge of the untreated effluents in river Ghaggar. The Committee can look into this matter.*



Accordingly a copy of this order be forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee for being looked in accordance with law by email."

Photographs taken during the visit is attached as **Annexure-II**.

### **MAIN OBSERVATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Main observations made by the team during the visit are as follows:-

1. The industry is located at the bank of river Ghaggar. As observed during the visit, the industry was in operation. Location details of the Unit i.e., M/s. Nachiketa Paper Mills Limited., Vill. Mubarikpur, Ramgarh Road, Dera Bassi, SAS Nagar-140 201 is given in **Figure 1**.



**Figure 1.** Location details of M/s. Nachiketa Paer Mill Mills Limited., Vill. Mubarikpur, Ramgarh Road, Dera Bassi, SAS Nagar-140 201 as per Google Map



2. As informed by the industry representative, the Unit i.e., M/s. Nachiketa Paper Mills Limited., Vill. Mubarikpur, Ramgarh Road, Dera Bassi, SAS Nagar-140 201 was commissioned in the year 1988 and started its production since July 1992 and presently the Unit is engaged in manufacturing of absorbent Kraft Paper @ 60 TPD and 20 TPD of Kraft Board. The industry uses only waste paper as raw material (both domestic as well as imported waste paper).
3. As per the information provided, the Unit has obtained Consent Under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and is having validity upto 31.03.2019 vide PPCB Office letter No. 2309 dated 30.04.2018. Further, afore-said Unit also obtained Consent to Establish for expansion of existing industrial unit (to 220 TPD i.e., 140 TPD of Absorbent Kraft and 80 TPD of Kraft Paper) using waste paper, vide PPCB letter No. 4212 dated 28.07.2018 which is valid up to 19.07.2018.
4. The source of water supply is tube well installed by the industry within its premises. Permission from CGWA yet to be obtained for the same. However, Unit has applied for obtaining of permission from the CGWA for abstraction of ground water resources.
5. Tube well presently existing within the industry premises is attached with electromagnetic flow meter and as per the records maintained about 122 KL of fresh water is consumed per day (as make up water and for the purpose of



domestic use). The industry is maintaining the record pertaining to the ground water abstracted on daily basis.

6. The industry has installed an Effluent Treatment Capacity (ETP) comprising of collection tank, hill screens (02 No.), viber screens, sedicell and spray filter, which was in operation during the visit. The wastewater is recycled in the process after spray filter. The industry was found reusing whole of its wastewater after treatment. However, no electromagnetic flow meter (s) provided for recirculating line to record quantity of water recycled in the process. Also, the industry has provided septic tank for treatment of the domestic effluent, overflow of which is discharged on to land for plantation.
7. During visit, the ground water sample from the tubewell was collected for further analysis in CPCB laboratory. **Same will be submitted upon receipt of the results.**
8. The scrap (such metals and plastics) generated from the waste paper recycling process is presently disposed of in backyard of the unit and same is covered with the soil layer.
9. In order to assess any discharge of wastewater from its premises, during the visit, the outer boundary of the industry was visited to find unauthorized discharge point, if any made by the industry. *It was observed that the industry was not found discharging any wastewater outside its premises during the visit.*

In fact on receipt of order dated 23.10.2018 passed in Item No.15 on original application No. 677 of 2018 Mubarikpur Camp, Dera Bassi Vs. Nachiketa Paper Mill, the Executive Committee consisting of undersigned, Sh. J. Chandra Babu and Dr. V.K. Hatwal, Members of Executive Committee visited at the site on 30.10.2018 and after inspection observed as mentioned herein above.

Though, the result of tubewell water collected for further analysis in CPCB Laboratory is yet to be received, so action thereon will be taken only after receipt of the result. The entire report prepared up till now in the matter is hereby forwarded for kind perusal of the Hon'ble Chairperson of Principal Bench of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal New Delhi.



( **Justice Pritam Pal** )

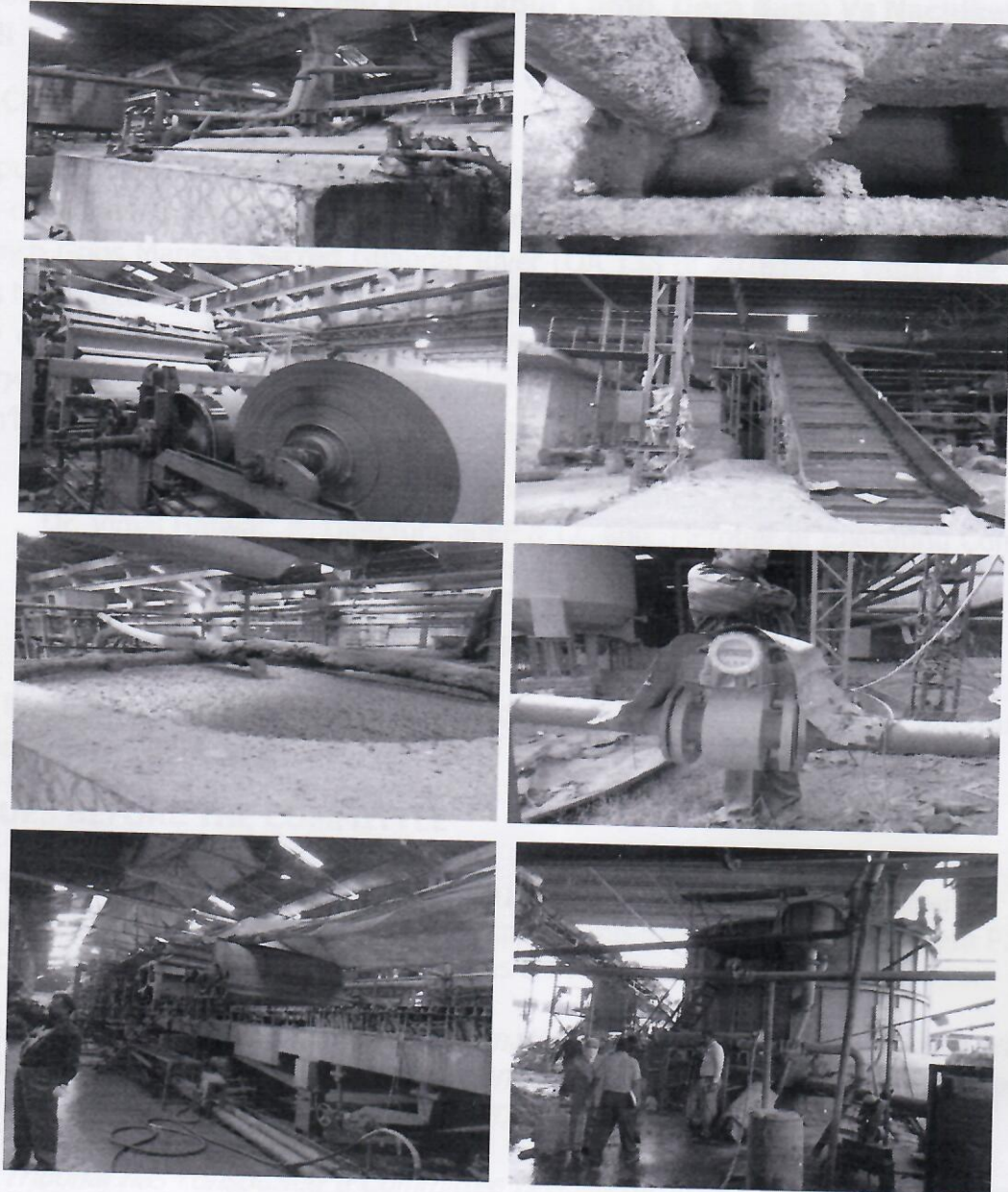
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**Annexure-II**

**Photographs taken during the Visit to M/s. M/s. Nachiketa Paper Mills Limited., Vill. Mubarikpur, Ramgarh Road, Dera Bassi, SAS Nagar-140 201**



*Supreme and Haryana High Court was order dated 07.06.2018 in the matter of Original Application No.138 of 2015 (TNMRC). (Case No. 3397/VI/14) - Sandh Ganga River/Sandh Ganga River (Sud-Natu Case) It took into the issue of discharge of the untreated effluents in the Ganga. The Commission can look into this matter.*