



IN THE HIGH COURT OF UTTARAKHAND AT NAINITAL

THE HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. MANOJ KUMAR GUPTA

AND

THE HON'BLE JUSTICE MR. SUBHASH UPADHYAY

Writ Petition (M/B) No.190 of 2026

March 23, 2026

Jagendra Singh Rana

----Petitioner

Versus

State of Uttarakhand & Others

----Respondents

Presence:-

Mr. Rajeev Bhatt, learned counsel for the petitioner

Mr. B.S. Parihar, learned Additional C.S.C. for the State/respondent nos.1 and 2

Mr. Aditya Pratap Singh, learned counsel for Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board/respondent nos.3 and 4

JUDGMENT: (per Mr. Manoj Kumar Gupta C. J.)

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
2. The present writ petition has been filed praying for a writ of mandamus commanding respondent no.4 – Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board to decide petitioner's application dated 09.03.2026 for grant of Consent to Operate/Consent to Establish a stone crusher unit at Village Bhankoli, Tehsil Purola, District Uttarkashi.
3. The case of the petitioner is that earlier the business was being done in the name of a partnership firm; subsequently, the Mining Department, on basis of application filed by the petitioner, granted permission for



conversion of partnership firm into proprietorship firm of the petitioner and also for transfer of the crusher unit to the petitioner. Copy of the said order dated 03.02.2026 has been annexed as Annexure-7. It is submitted that thereafter the petitioner applied for Consent to Operate/Consent to Establish the stone crusher unit in his own name but the application is still pending and hence the present writ petition.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board very fairly states that the application shall be decided expeditiously.

5. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of with direction to respondent nos.3 and 4 to decide the application dated 09.03.2026 expeditiously, preferably within eight weeks from the date of communication of the instant order along with copy of the application, provided there is no legal impediment.

6. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of accordingly.

(MANOJ KUMAR GUPTA, C. J.)

(SUBHASH UPADHYAY, J.)

Dated: 23.03.2026

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