

SL. No	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGES'S ORDERS
			<p>WPPIL No.119 of 2025 With WPPIL No.169 of 2022 WPPIL No.214 of 2023 WPPIL No.29 of 2024 And WPPIL No.56 of 2025 <u>HON'BLE G. NARENDAR, C.J.</u> <u>HON'BLE ASHISH NAITHANI, J.</u></p> <p>Mr. Dushyant Mainali, learned counsel for the petitioner(s) in WPPIL No. 169 of 2022 and WPPIL No.56 of 2025 and Mr. Bhuwan Chandra Pokhariya, petitioner present through V.C. in WPPIL No.29 of 2024.</p> <p>2. Mr. Rajesh Sharma, learned Standing Counsel for the Union of India.</p> <p>3. Mr. C. S. Rawat, learned Chief Standing Counsel assisted by Mr. Yogesh Chandra Tiwari, learned Standing Counsel for the State.</p> <p>4. Mr. V. K. Kaparuwan, learned counsel for the Uttarakhand Forest Development Corporation.</p> <p>5. Mr. Jai Krishan Pandey, learned counsel holding brief of Mr. Piyush Garg, learned counsel for the CBI.</p> <p>6. Heard Home Secretary, Irrigation Secretary and Secretary Mining alongwith learned Chief Standing Counsel for the State.</p>

7. The Home Secretary (Uttarakhand) appeared before this Court through V.C. submits that Committees at the District and Sub-District level have been created and Anti-Illegal Mining Task Force have been created and police personnel are also attached to the Committees and Committee consists of six Officers headed by the District Magistrate and the Sub-Divisional Magistrate including the jurisdictional police officers. The police personnel would be properly outfitted to meet any situation including the illegal miners, who come armed with weapons.

8. The Home Secretary submits that they have created control stations and CCTV cameras have been installed in places, which are generally known for mineral deposits and that the same has resulted in a check on illegal mining. Be that as it may, several videos and photographs produced in various petitions, which are required to be looked into by the authorities i.e. Secretary Home, Secretary Mining, the Secretary Irrigation Department and the Forest Department also. These videos and photographs belie the above statement.

9. The mineral is a valuable state wealth and revenue generated by it is also ought to be a major

source of income but the scenario before us compels to view the situation otherwise.

10. In that view, we direct the Secretaries to place before this Court by way of an affidavit, the action taken till date to prevent illegal mining and also the proposals to ensure that illegal mining is completely wiped out and State benefits from the revenue generated by way of sale of minerals.

11. That apart, this Court has made clear to the Ld Secretaries that rampant mining on the riverbed is something, the Court does not appreciate and it is also made clear that all mining, dredging, de-silting activities on the riverbeds and in the dam areas or back water areas are to be under the direct supervision of trained officers i.e. Geologist/Biologist, as such trained persons would be aware of life in, under and around the riverbeds and would be more measured in their approach to the mining operation.

12. List this matter on 06.10.2025.

(ASHISH NAITHANI, J.)

(G. NARENDAR, C.J.)

17.09.2025

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