

**BEFORE THE PRINCIPAL BENCH
NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
NEW DELHI
CIRCUIT BENCH AT SHIMLA
Application No. 488/2014**

Court on its own Motion Vs. State of HP

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SWATANTER KUMAR, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE (Dr.) P. JYOTHIMANI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. D.K. AGRAWAL, EXPERT MEMBER
HON'BLE PROF. A.R. YOUSUF, EXPERT MEMBER

Present: **Applicant/Petitioner:** None
State of HP: Mr. Anup Rattan, AAG and Mr. Vivek Singh
Attri, DAG,
Mr. Vivek Singh Attri, Dy. A.G.

	Date and Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
	November 20, 2014	<p style="text-align: center;">This matter has been taken up <i>suo moto</i>.</p> <p>It has been reported in the Tribune newspaper of today i.e. 20.11.2014 that 200 trees have been cut near the Tara Devi Temple. These are Deodar and Oak trees and were on a private property adjoining Tara Devi Temple in Shimla. It is further reported that it has been done without permission of the authorities and in violation of all norms. The Forest Department has not even cared to notice much less</p>

take appropriate action. The apprehension expressed in this report is that the number of trees may even go up further.

We direct the Registry to register and number the same as per Rules. Issue Notice to the State of Himachal Pradesh. The Learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the State of Himachal Pradesh accepts notice, prays for time to seek instruction and file reply.

We also issue notice to all the private owners on whose land the trees are stated to have been cut/fell. The State Government/Forest Department shall examine this aspect and serve notices on all the private owners of land to be present before the Tribunal on the next date. They may also file their replies before that date.

List the matter on 8th January, 2015.

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(Swatanter Kumar)

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(Dr. P. Jyothimani)

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(Dr. D.K. Agrawal)

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