

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

Original Application No. 137/2026

Aakash Ranison

Applicant

Versus

Central Pollution Control Board & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 20.02.2026

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant: Mr. Narender Pal Singh, Yogesh Kumar and Ishika Singh, Advocates for Applicant

ORDER

1. In this original application, the Applicant has raised a grievance of plastic pollution being caused by the plastic bottle caps used extensively in packaged drinking water and beverage bottles.
2. Learned Counsel for the Applicant submits that though all the plastic bottles are collected but their plastic caps which are detachable from the bottles are not collected and they cause the environmental pollution. He has submitted that in other countries, the plastic cap of the bottle is attached to the bottle so that it is collected alongwith the bottle called "tethered caps" as they are not separated from the bottle.
3. Issue notice to the respondents for filing their response/reply by way of affidavit before the Tribunal at least one week before the next date of hearing through e-filing. If any respondent directly files the reply without routing it through his advocate, then the said respondent will remain virtually present to assist the Tribunal.

4. The Applicant is directed to serve the respondents and file affidavit of service atleast one week before the next date of hearing.

5. A larger issue concerning the plastic waste collection and regulation of EPR regime is already pending before the Tribunal in OA No. 993/2024 and OA No. 926/2024.

6. List alongwith OA No. 993/2024 and OA No. 926/2024 on 26.02.2026.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

February 20, 2026
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