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PETITION IN NGT TO SHUT DOWN UNPACKAGED WATER PLANTS AT PUNE

SUMMARY:

The petition has been filed in National Green Tribunal's (NGT) in Pune about the illegal sell of unpackaged water (Cold jars/Cans) which is dangerous for human health. Soon, FDA will submit the details about the past records of action taken against illegal water plants to the NGT then the bench will decide on August 28 about the further course of action.

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The petition has been filed in National Green Tribunal's (NGT) by the activists in Pune about the illegal sell of unpackaged water (Cold jars/Cans) which is dangerous for human health. The activist complaint that these plants are running without license and selling contaminated water jars and cans.



Water cans stored near Drainage point

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Petitioner Dubbal told that, the water used in these jars and cans is drawn from dirty sources of water like gutter or nullah which may contain various impurities. These illegal small RO/UV water units are running without permission of MPCB in the state. The consumption of such contaminated water can cause multiple health hazards. Further he added that, there is a Section 64 of Water Act for state-formulated rules to check on water



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pollution caused by these water units. Another petitioner Barne added that they have approached the MPCB to request them to shut down existing unlicensed water plants.

The Advocate Asim Sarode, who is representing the petitioners, has raised the question over the concerned authorities for not being serious about sale of unpackaged water. Furthermore he said that, they are expecting that the commissioner of food and drugs and the central groundwater authority to file their complaints.

NGT have instructed to the concerned authorities to seal the water plants running without MPCB consent. On the other hand, Shivaji Desai, joint commissioner of Food and Drugs Administration (FDA), Pune division, said that, they are conducting raids on illegal water plants on regular basis in the city and suburbs. They also taking water sample of packaged drinking water and testing it from laboratories and filing complaint against illegal water plants. Soon, FDA will submit the details about the past records of action taken against illegal water plants to the NGT then the bench will decide on August 28 about the further course of action.

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