

W.P. No. 13340 of 2025

Present

Ms. Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque
&
Ms. Justice Aynun Nahar Siddiqua

14.08.2025

Mr. Manzill Murshid, Senior Advocate
...for the petitioners
Mr. Nur Muhammad Azami DAG with
Mr. Md. Ershadul Bari Khandakar, DAG
with
Mr. Md. Ruhul Amin Sikder, AAG with
Mr. Rashedul Hoque, AAG and
Mr. Mustafizur Rahman, AAG

..for the Respondents

Let a Rule Nisi be issued calling upon the respondents to show cause as to why inaction of the respondents to protect the stone quarry area of Bholagonj, Upazila-Companygonj, District-Sylhet, which were destroyed by way of lifting and illegally removing stone from the area by different people should not be declared illegal and without lawful authority and as to why a direction should not be given upon the respondents to protect the stone quarry area of Bholagonj, Upazila Companygonj, District-Sylhet and as to why a direction should not be given upon the respondents No.2 to take steps to declare the area of all stone quarry area of Companygonj at Sylhet as ecological critical area under the provision of section 5 of Bangladesh Environment protection Act. 1995 and also as to why a direction should not be given upon the respondents to collect compensation from the liable

persons who caused damage of ecology and environment due to shifting and removing white stone from the stone quarry of Bholagonj, Companygonh, Sylhet as per the assessment report and/or such other or further order or orders passed as to this Court may seem fit and proper.

The Rule is made returnable within 04 (four) weeks.

Pending hearing of the Rule, the respondents are directed to take immediate steps to collect white stone from the different area with the help of Civil Administration and law Enforcing Agencies which were lifted and removed from the stone quarry at Bholagonj, Companygonj, Sylhet and place it at there as early as possible within 07(seven) days from date.

The respondent Nos. 4 to 9 are directed to deploy monitoring team at day and night time within 48 hours for continuous monitoring of the areas so that no one can lift and remove any white stone from the stone quarry area of companygonj and direct the respondents to file a compliance report within 2 weeks before the Court.

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The respondent Nos.1 and 2 are directed to assess the financial damage of ecological and environmental damage in terms of Taka due to lift and remove white stone from the area of Bholagonj, Companigonk, Sylhet, by forming an expert committee consisting of the one professor from BUET and submit a report before the Hon'ble court within the 02(two) months.

The respondent Nos. 4 to 9 are directed to prepare a list along with the persons who were engaged in the activities of lifting and removal of white stone from the stone quarry of Bholagong, Companygong, Sylhet and file a compliance report before the court within 15 (fifteen) days through affidavit along with the name, address.

The petitioner is directed to put in requisites for service of notice upon the respondents through registered post and in usual course.

Let this matter appear in the list on 21st August, 2025 for order.