
Bein fish deaths: Seechewal writes to NGT

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A day after thousands of fish were found floating on the surface of the holy Kali Bein, environmentalist Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal today wrote to the National Green Tribunal (NGT) and said that it all was due to official apathy.

Aquatic life had constantly been dying in the Bein for the past three days.

Taking strict notice of the deaths, the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions has also assured him to take up the matter with the CM.

The environmentalist has sent photographs as well as videos of the same to the



Non-release of fresh water into the Kali Bein continues to take toll on its aquatic life. TRIBUNE PHOTO

NGT. Pointing out that the PPCB had also failed to prevent the inflow of toxic waste in the Bein, Seechewaal also said the callousness of the state had negated the hard work by

volunteers for the past 17 years. The STPs constructed to prevent the flow of dirty water into the Bein were either shut or non-functional, he alleged.

Fish have previously died

in 2012 and 2015. In 2015, 17 trolleys of dead fish had been taken out of the Bein. The flow of polluted water into the Bein from Kapurthala city as well as colonies near RCF also continues unabated.

Baljit Singh Mann, member, National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions and his wife Daljit Kaur as well as senior advocate of the Supreme Court, Govind Goyal, visited the Kali Bein and Seechewal village today. Expressing concern, Mann said cleansing of the Bein had set a national precedent in water conservation and people from all over the world to appreciate the effort. He said he would write to the CM.