

Experts resigned from NGRBA (National Ganga River Basin Authority).

The three expert members; **Rajendra Singh, Ravi Chopra and Rashid Siddiqui** of NGRBA have resigned from the Authority on 20th September 2013.

The members were distressed that the NGRBA has not met since April 17, 2012. Even that meeting took place after a gap of nearly 18 months at the insistence of some of the expert members.

The Uttarakhand 2013 disaster confirmed that many of the fears expressed by the members about the mismanagement of National River Ganga were valid. It has raised several questions about the way we have abused our rivers. Soon after the disaster the members have raised this matter with government and sought a brief meeting with PM to discuss the issue and seek an early meeting of the Authority. But that never happened.

In the meantime Swami Gyanswaroop Sanand, formerly Dr. G.D. Agrawal who served with distinction at IIT-kanpur and Central Pollution Control Board, has been fasting for 100 days now in an attempt to draw the attention of the government to the plight of National River Ganga. But he too has been ignored.

Under these circumstances the above mentioned members feel compelled to resign from an ineffective NGRBA.