



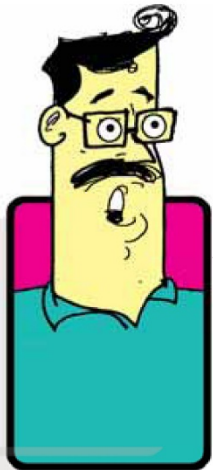
All over the country there is a powerful mining and stone crusher lobby. They plunder river sand, boulder, pebbles, and gravel for the construction industry.

Yes I agree. We will take action on this activity.



We don't want your signatures on paper, but a discernible change in mindset and action on the ground. If not for the judiciary, the status quo is acceptable to you.

The Apex court earlier this year ordered mandatory environmental clearance from the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests for excavation of all minor minerals. Legally mining will be allowed, but after statutory clearances.



The ban will give further incentive to the sand mafia. It will increase black marketeering, and increase property prices. Such arbitrary bans and decisions should be made by the executive, not the judiciary.

Arrey baba, nobody is saying stop construction. Remember, sand mining and in-stream gravel removal has an impact on the floodplain, groundwater recharge and river morphology all of which is not being assessed presently.



Hari Om!