

'Waterman' Rajendra Singh, 2 others quit NGRBA

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New Delhi : Magsaysay award-winner 'Waterman' Rajendra Singh and two others today quit the Prime Minister Manmohan Singh-chaired National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA), protesting the government's 'negligence' of the river.

Besides Singh, two other NGRBA members Ravi Chopra and R H Siddiqi also submitted their resignation letters to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh expressing solidarity with noted environmentalist G D Agrawal who is on "fast-unto-death" to press for cleaning up the Ganges.

Rajendra Singh said that the resignations were sent after their meeting with Water Resources Minister Pawan Kumar Bansal during the day when they apprised him of the agitation of Agrawal, who is known as Swami Gyanswaroop Anand.

Agrawal had yesterday announced that he will not take water in the last phase of his fast-unto-death to press for uninterrupted clean flow of the Ganga.

While Chopra is the Director of Dehradun-based People's Science Institute, Siddiqi is a former Professor of Aligarh Muslim University.