

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
EASTERN ZONE BENCH, KOLKATA
(THROUGH PHYSICAL HEARING WITH HYBRID MODE)**

Original Application No.145/2023/EZ
(Earlier Original Application No.567/2023/PB)

Tribunal on its Own Motion

Applicant(s)

Versus

State of Jharkhand

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 30.01.2024

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B. AMIT STHALEKAR, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. ARUN KUMAR VERMA, EXPERT MEMBER**

For Applicant(s) : *Suo Motu*

For Respondent(s) : Ms. Aishwarya Rajyashree, Advocate for State (in Virtual Mode),
Mr. Apurba Ghosh, Advocate for R-4 (in Virtual Mode),
Mr. Dipanjan Ghosh, Advocate for R-5 (in Virtual Mode),
Mr. Surendra Kumar, Advocate for R-6

ORDER

1. This Original Application No.567/2023 was taken up *Suo Motu* by the New Delhi Bench of the National Green Tribunal on a complaint made by Shri Arjun Munda, Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs, Government of India dated 30.08.2023 and has been transferred to the Eastern Zone Bench, National Green Tribunal and now re-numbered as Original Application No.145/2023/EZ.
2. The respondents have not been impleaded in the present case. The following are therefore directed to be arrayed as respondents.
 - (i) Chief Conservator of Forest, Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, State of Jharkhand;
 - (ii) District Magistrate, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand;
 - (iii) Principal Secretary, Water Resource Department, Jharkhand;

- (iv) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office-Ranchi, Jharkhand;
 - (v) Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board; and
 - (vi) Member Secretary, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board.
3. The District Magistrate, East Singhbhum was required to file Committee Report.
 4. Ms. Aishwarya Rajyashree, learned Counsel appearing (in Virtual Mode), accepts notice on behalf of the State Respondents.
 5. Mr. Apurba Ghosh, learned Counsel appearing (in Virtual Mode), accepts notice on behalf of the Respondent No.4, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.
 6. Mr. Dipanjan Ghosh, learned Counsel appearing (in Virtual Mode), accepts notice on behalf of the Respondent No.5, Central Pollution Control Board.
 7. Mr. Surendra Kumar, learned Counsel appearing in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the Respondent No.6, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board.
 8. Mr. Apurba Ghosh, learned Counsel mentions that he has been informed by the Department that the site inspection has been carried out on 27.01.2024 but the report has not been signed by the Members of the Committee.
 9. The Committee shall identify the violators with the name and address so that the alleged violators may be impleaded in the array of Respondents so that they have an opportunity of being heard.
 10. All the Respondents shall file their counter-affidavit within four weeks.

11. The Office of the Tribunal shall provide copy of the Original Application along with complaint and its Annexures to the learned Counsel for the Respondents within 48 hours.

12. **List on 15.03.2024.**

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B. Amit Sthalekar, JM

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Dr. Arun Kumar Verma, EM

January 30, 2024,
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