

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

Original Application No.298/2023
(I.A. Nos. 149/2024 & 67/2024)

Dr.Raja Singh		Applicant
	Versus	
Union of India & Ors.		Respondents

Date of hearing: 17.12.2024

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant:	Applicant in Person.
Respondents:	Mr. Narender Pal Singh, Ms. Anjali and Ms. Prity, Advocates for Respondent no. 1-MoEF & CC. Mr. Ved Prakash Mishra, Joint Secretary and Mr. Mukesh Balodhi, Scientist E, CP Division, MoEF & CC. Mr. Gi Gi C George, Advocate for Respondents no. 2 and 3. Mr. Ankit Virmani and Mr. Hrithik Sharma, Advocates for CPCB. Mr. Nizamuddin, Scientist F CPCB.

ORDER

1. Issue of non-occupational health hazard likely to be caused by use of Asbestos sheets in educational institutional to students has been raised in this application.
2. MoEF&CC was directed to get study conducted by constituting a Multi-Disciplinary Experts Committee and submit report.
3. Due to non-submission of such report, vide order dated 26.11.2024 personal appearance of an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary was ordered.

4. In compliance, thereof, Sh. Ved Prakash, Joint Secretary, MoEF&CC, Mr. Mukesh Balodhi, Scientist E CP Division, MoEF & CC and Sh. Nizamuddin, Scientist F, CPCB have appeared before us and we have interacted with them.

5. Compliance affidavit/report dated 13.12.2024 has also been filed by MoEF&CC.

6. The applicant seeks time to file objections/suggestions with respect to the report.

7. We have gone through the report but in view of the significant nature of the questions involved in the present case we consider it appropriate that the Multi-Disciplinary Experts Committee may also look into the aspect of desirability or otherwise of future use of asbestos as part of roof material in the schools and also explore the possibility of use of alternative in place of asbestos in manufacturing of roof sheets etc.

8. Objections/suggestions by the applicant and Additional Study Report by MoEF&CC may be filed at least one week before the next date of hearing fixed.

9. List on 28.02.2025 for further consideration.

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

December 17, 2024
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