

Item No.03

(Court No. 2)

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

(Through Physical Hearing with Hybrid VC Option)
Original Application No.576/2022

Bharat Prakash Rai

...Applicant

Versus

State of West Bengal & Ors.

...Respondents

Date of hearing: 15.02.2023

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

Applicant: None for the applicant.

Respondent: Mr. Sibojyoti Chakabarti, Advocate for respondents no. 1,2 and 4 (through VC).
Ms. Madhumita Bhattacharjee, Advocate for respondent no. 3 (through VC).
Mr. Dhiraj Lakhotia for respondent no. 5 (through VC).

Application is registered based on a letter Petition received by post.

ORDER

1. In compliance of order dated 21.12.2022, notices were duly served on respondents no. 1, 2, 4 and 5.
2. Mr. Sibojyoti Chakabarti, Advocate has appeared for respondents no. 1, 2 and 4 and Mr. Dhiraj Lakhotia has appeared for respondent no. 5.
3. Replies have been filed by respondent no. 2-the Principal Conservator of Forest (HoFF), Government of West Bengal vide email dated 13.02.2023, respondent no. 3- WBSPB vide email dated 19.12.2022 and respondent no. 4-the District Magistrate, Darjeeling vide email dated 09.02.2023.

4. Learned counsel for the respondent no. 5 seeks time for filing its reply/response.

5. Reply/response by respondent no. 5 be filed within one month by email at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Supported PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

6. List for further consideration on 14.04.2023.

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

February 15 2023
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