

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

Original Application No. 795/2023

News Item titled "**Third of India's coastline vulnerable to erosion - here are the worst hit states**" appearing in Indian Express dated 06.12.2023.

Date of hearing: 16.01.2024

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

Respondent: Mr. Ravinder Kr. Gupta, Adv. for MoEF & CC
Mr. Gigi. C. George & Mr. Dheeraj Singh, Advs. for Andaman & Nicobar
CZMA (Through VC)
Ms. Madhuri Donti Reddy, Adv. for APCZMA (Through VC)

ORDER

1. This Original Application has been registered *suo-moto* under Section 14 and 15 of National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 (hereinafter referred to as '**NGT Act, 2010**') taking cognizance of newspaper report published in Indian Express dated 06.12.2023 with the title "Third of India's coastline vulnerable to erosion - here are the worst hit states". Report says that various beaches in Coastal areas/States like Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka etc. are vulnerable to erosion and are getting damaged on account of lack of proper management due to non-finalization of Coastal Regulatory provisions i.e. Coastal Zone Management Plan.

2. We are informed by Mr. Gigi. C. George, Advocate that a similar issue is already pending before Tribunal in *O.A. No. 249/2023, In re: News item published in Newspaper The Hindu dated 19.03.2023 titled "India's Sinking Island"*.

3. In O.A. No. 77/2023 (I.A. No. 33/2023) dated 17.02.2023, it is stated that the Tribunal has already passed order dated 11.04.2022 in O.A. No. 04/2013 (SZ), *C.H. Balamohan vs. Union of India & Ors.* and connected matters and relevant extract of the order is as follows:-

“83. Accordingly, we direct Chief Secretaries of the Coastal States/UTs to finalize the CZMP and get them approved by MoEF within two months. The approved CZMP shall contain the parameters as listed in the CRZ 2019 Notification including high, medium and low erosion stretches for such erosion prone areas.”

4. List this matter along with O.A. No. 249/2023 on 06.03.2024, the date already fixed.

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

January 16, 2024
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