

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

Appeal No.04/2020/EZ

Bimal Gagoi & Anr.	Versus	Appellant(s)
Union of India & Ors.		Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 10.01.2025

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

For Appellant(s) : Mr. Ritwick Dutta, Adv. a/w
 Mr. Kaustav Dhar, Adv. (in Virtual Mode)

For Respondent(s) : Ms. Anamika Pandey, Adv. for MoEF&CC (in Virtual Mode),
 Mr. Parthiv K. Goswami, Sr. Adv. a/w
 Mr. Rahul Pratap for R-2 (in Virtual Mode),
 Mr. Shayambar Dev, Adv. for R-3 (in Virtual Mode),
 Ms. Malabika Roy Dey, Adv. for R-4

ORDER

1. Mr. Ritwick Dutta assisted by Mr. Kaustav Dhar, learned Counsel is present (in Virtual Mode) on behalf of the Appellants.
2. Ms. Anamika Pandey, learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) states that decision has been taken by the Ministry rejecting the proposal of the State Government for non-forest use vide order dated 02.08.2024. It is shocking that the order has not been placed before this Tribunal even after six months and the Appeal is of 2020.
3. Mr. Parthiv K. Goswami, learned Senior Counsel appearing (in Virtual Mode) for the Respondent No.2, Oil India Limited states that he has also not been communicated any decision of the MoEF&CC.

4. Mr. Ritwih Dutta, learned Counsel for the Appellant also submits that no such decision is available in the public domain and he is not aware of any such order.
5. However, Ms. Anamika Pandey also states that subsequently a fresh meeting was held on 11.11.2024 for further deliberations. Let her file an affidavit giving full details of the proceedings before the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.
6. Let the affidavit be positively filed by 31.01.2025.
7. **List on 31.01.2025.**

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B. Amit Sthalekar, JM

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Dr. Arun Kumar Verma, EM

January 10, 2025,
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