

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

Original Application No.108/2023/EZ

Arsad Nasar

Applicant(s)

Versus

The Dept. of Environment, Forests & Climate
Change & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 13.09.2023

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

For Applicant(s) : Ms. Paushali Banerjee, Advocate a/w
Mr. Dipanjan Ghosh, Advocate

ORDER

1. Heard Ms. Paushali Banerjee, learned Counsel assisted by Mr. Dipanjan Ghosh, learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the Applicant.
2. The allegations in the Original Application is that the Respondent Nos. 4 to 7 are illegally felling trees on the banks of river Tati on the side of the Main Road situated on the river bank between Charihari and Upgil in Sheikpura.
3. It is stated that the village of Sheikpura is surrounded by small rivers like Somi, Korhari, Tati and others. Felling of trees make the soil prone to erosion by natural agents such as wind and water.
4. In this regard, it is alleged by the Applicant that on 03.12.2022 the Forest Officer Sheikpura filed a complaint before the Court of Learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Sheikpura being Case No.93C/2 of 2022 after seizure of a vehicle loaded with timber.
5. Similar complaints have been lodged on 29.05.2023 and 27.06.2023.
6. In our opinion, matter requires consideration.

7. Issue notice to the Respondents, returnable within four weeks.
8. Mr. Surendra Kumar, learned Counsel who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the Respondent Nos.1, 2, 3 and 8, State Respondents, Government of Bihar.
9. Issue notice to the Respondent Nos.4, 5, 6 and 7, returnable within four weeks.
10. All the Respondents shall file their counter-affidavits within four weeks.
11. The learned Counsel for the Applicant shall serve e-copy/soft copy of the Original Application along with all its annexures upon Mr. Surendra Kumar, learned Counsel for the Respondents within 24 hours.
12. **List on 16.10.2023.**

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B. Amit Sthalekar, JM

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Dr. Arun Kumar Verma, EM

September 13, 2023,
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