

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

Original Application No.178/2023/EZ
(I.A. No. 66/2023/EZ)

Sanjay Kumar	Versus	Applicant(s)
Govt. of Bihar & Ors.		Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 19.01.2024

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

For Applicant(s) : Ms. Renu, Advocate (in Virtual Mode)

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Surendra Kumar, Advocate for R-1 & 3,
Ms. Anamika Pandey, Adv. for R-5, (in Virtual Mode)
Mr. Ashok Prasad, Advocate for R-6,
Ms. Amrita Pandey, Adv. for R-7, (in Virtual Mode)

ORDER

1. Ms. Renu, the Counsel for the Applicant is present (in Virtual Mode).
2. Affidavit dated 17.01.2024 has been filed on behalf of the Respondent No.3; District Magistrate, Arwal; the same is taken on record.
3. Affidavit dated 04.01.2024 has been filed on behalf of the Respondent No.6, Central Ground Water Board; the same is taken on record.
4. Ms. Renu, learned Counsel for the Applicant states that she has served the copy of the Original Application along with its annexures on the Respondent No.2, Shivam Agro Industries. However, she has not filed affidavit of service, therefore, it is not known whether the service on Respondent No.2 has been made or not. Let the affidavit of service be filed within one week.

5. The Respondent No.2 may file its counter-affidavit within three weeks.
6. Ms. Amrita Pandey, learned Counsel appearing (in Virtual Mode) for Respondent No.7, Bihar State Pollution Control Board, informs that she has instructions from the Department that the State Board will adopt the affidavit filed by the State Respondents, Government of Bihar.
7. No one is present on behalf of the Respondent No.5, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.
8. The Respondent No.5 may also file its counter affidavit within three weeks.
9. **List on 11.03.2024.**

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B. Amit Sthalekar, JM

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Dr. Arun Kumar Verma, EM

January 19, 2024,
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