

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

Original Application No.68/2023/EZ

In Re: News item published in NDTV
dated 09.06.2023 “Child among 3 killed as
illegal Coal Mine collapses near Dhanbad”

Applicant(s)

Versus

Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 04.07.2023

**CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE B. AMIT STHALEKAR, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON’BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

For Applicant(s) : *Suo Motu*

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Surendra Kumar, Advocate for R-1,
Ms. Aishwarya Rajyashree, Advocate for R-2 & 3 (in Virtual Mode)
Mr. Ashok Prasad, Advocate for R-4

ORDER

1. Mr. Surendra Kumar, learned Counsel appears on behalf of the Respondent No.1, State Pollution Control Board, Jharkhand; Mr. Ashok Prasad, learned Counsel appears on behalf of the Respondent No.4, Central Pollution Control Board.
2. Ms. Aishwarya Rajyashree, learned Counsel appearing (in Virtual Mode) informs that an affidavit of compliance has been filed by the Respondent No.2, Dy. Commissioner/District Magistrate, Dhanbad. Office of the Tribunal informs that the same is defective since the documents appended thereto are illegible. The State Counsel may file fresh copy of the affidavit with legible documents.
3. Ms. Aishwarya Rajyashree prays for and is granted four weeks time for filing reply on behalf of the Respondent No.3, State Disaster Management Department, Jharkhand.

4. Mr. Surendra Kumar, learned Counsel may also file his counter-affidavit within the same period of time.
5. **List on 07.08.2023.**

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B. Amit Sthalekar, JM

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Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

July 04, 2023,
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