

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

Appeal No.20/2023/EZ

NTPC Ltd, Pakri-Barwadhi Coal Mining Project

Appellant(s)

Versus

The State of Jharkhand & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 14.09.2023

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

For Appellant(s) : Mr. Sanjay Jain, Sr. Advocate (in Virtual Mode) a/w
Mr. Uttam Kumar Mandal, Advocate

For Respondent(s) : Ms. Aishwarya Rajyashree, Advocate for R-1,3,5&6
(in Virtual Mode)

ORDER

1. Mr. Sanjay Jain, learned Senior Counsel appearing (in Virtual Mode) along with Mr. Uttam Kumar Mandal, learned Counsel on behalf of the Appellant.
2. Ms. Aishwarya Rajyashree, learned Counsel appearing (in Virtual Mode) for the Respondent Nos.1, 3, 5 and 6, State Respondents, State of Jharkhand, prays for and is granted two weeks for filing counter-affidavit.
3. No one is present for the Respondent Nos.2 and 4, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC).
4. Ms. Amrita Pandey, learned Counsel who also appears for the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) informs that Vakalatnama has been issued by the MoEF&CC in favour of Mr. D. N. Ray. The said Counsel is not present today.
5. We, therefore, direct Ms. Amrita Pandey to accept notice on behalf of the Respondent Nos.2 and 4, Ministry of Environment, Forests and

Climate Change (MoEF&CC) and file counter-affidavit within three weeks.

6. The copy of this order shall also be communicated to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), New Delhi within 24 hours.
7. **List on 17.10.2023.**
8. The interim order is extended till the next date of listing.

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B. Amit Sthalekar, JM

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Dr. Arun Kumar Verma, EM

September 14, 2023,
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