

**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: 17.10.2023

**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, Adv. for R-1,3,5-6, (in Virtual Mode)
Mr. D. N. Ray, Advocate for R-2&4, (in Virtual Mode)

ORDER

1. Mr. Sanjay Jain, learned Senior Counsel appearing (in Virtual Mode) assisted by Mr. Uttam Kumar Mandal, learned Counsel is present for the Appellant.
2. Counter-affidavit dated 16.10.2023 has been filed on behalf of the Respondent No.6, Divisional Forest Officer, Hazaribagh; the same is taken on record.
3. Mr. D. N. Ray, learned Counsel appearing (in Virtual Mode) for Respondent Nos.2&4, MoEF&CC, prays for and is granted three weeks for filing counter-affidavit.
4. Ms. Aishwarya Rajyashree, learned Counsel appearing (in Virtual Mode) for Respondent Nos.1,3,5-6, State Respondents, Government of Jharkhand, states that the copy of the counter-affidavit dated 16.10.2023 filed by the Respondent No.6 has been served upon Mr. Uttam Kumar Mandal, Counsel for the Appellant.

5. Mr. Uttam Kumar Mandal, learned Counsel prays for and is granted three weeks time for filing rejoinder affidavit to the counter-affidavit dated 16.10.2023 filed by the Respondent No.6.
6. **List on 23.11.2023.**
7. Interim order granted on 01.08.2023 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

October 17, 2023,
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