

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

Original Application No.134/2023/EZ
(Earlier Original Application No.430/2021/PB)

Sonu Sharma	Versus	Applicant(s)
State of Jharkhand		Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 30.01.2024

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

For Applicant(s) : None

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

ORDER

1. Case called out. No one is present on behalf of the Applicant.
2. The Respondent No.7 was directed to the serve notice through the Office of the District Magistrate, Garhwa.
3. Ms. Aishwarya Rajyashree, learned Counsel appearing (in Virtual Mode) on behalf of the State Respondents, states that notice of the Respondent No.7 has been served. No proof of service has been filed. This is very irresponsible on the part of the office of the District Magistrate, Garhwa not to have filed any application bringing on record proof of service and also wasting time of the Court.
4. Let the proof of service be filed in the course of the day.
5. The Respondent No.7 has not filed any affidavit till date.
6. We grant the Respondent No.7 two weeks time for filing counter-affidavit.

7. Learned Counsel for the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board is not present today. Mr. Dev Aaryan, learned Counsel holding his brief states that Mr. Kumar Anurag Singh, learned Counsel is busy in Hon'ble Supreme Court which means that the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board is unrepresented before the Tribunal today.
8. We, therefore, direct Mr. Surendra Kumar, learned Counsel for Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board to take notice of this case and file counter-affidavit within two weeks indicating as to what steps have been taken towards recovery of environmental compensation.
9. **List on 13.03.2024.**

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B. Amit Sthalekar, JM

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Dr. Arun Kumar Verma, EM

January 30, 2024,
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