

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

Original Application No.151/2023/EZ
(Earlier O.A. No.566/2023/PB)

News item titled “Despite National
Green Tribunal Ban, illegal sand
mining is going on in Jharkhand”
appearing in Prabhat Khabar
dated 08.09.2023.

Applicant(s)

Versus

Jharkhand State Pollution
Control Board & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 04.02.2025

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

For Applicant(s) : *Suo Motu*,

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

ORDER

1. Mr. Surendra Kumar, learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the Respondent No.1, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board, prays for and is granted two weeks time for filing additional counter-affidavit along with the Action Taken Report.
2. Mr. Ashok Prasad, learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the Respondent No.4, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Jharkhand states that since SEIAA, Jharkhand is a member of the Committee constituted by the Tribunal, therefore, separate affidavit is not required at this stage.

3. **List on 09.04.2025.**

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B. Amit Sthalekar, JM

February 04, 2025,
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Dr. Arun Kumar Verma, EM