

**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: 16.07.2025

**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, Adv. for R-1,
Mr. Dipanjan Ghosh, Adv. for R-2 (in Virtual Mode),
Ms. Aishwarya Rajyashree, Adv. for R-3 (in Virtual Mode),
Mr. Ashok Prasad, Adv. for R-4 (in Virtual Mode)

ORDER

1. Mr. Surendra Kumar, learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the Respondent No.1, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board (JSPCB), prays for and is granted further three weeks time for filing additional counter affidavit along with Action Taken Report.
2. We regret to state that three weeks was granted by the Tribunal on 09.04.2025 and the affidavit should have been filed within three weeks.
3. We therefore impose personal cost of Rs.1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) against the Member Secretary, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board which shall be deposited with the

Registrar, National Green Tribunal, Eastern Zone Bench, Kolkata
within two weeks.

4. Subject to deposit of the cost, additional counter affidavit shall be filed.
5. **List on 07.08.2025.**

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B. Amit Sthalekar, JM

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Dr. Arun Kumar Verma, EM

July 16, 2025,
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