

**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: 16.12.2024

**CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEO KUMAR SINGH, 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. Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board was directed to compute the Environmental Compensation and submit its counter affidavit. Mr. Surendra Kumar, learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the Respondent No.1, Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board prays for and is granted further two weeks time for filing its counter affidavit.
2. Mr. Ashok Prasad, learned Counsel appearing (in Virtual Mode) on behalf of the Respondent No.4, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Jharkhand, states that he will be adopting the affidavit filed by the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board since SEIAA, Jharkhand is a Member of the

Committee constituted by this Tribunal and separate affidavit is not required at this stage.

3. Ms. Aishwarya Rajyashree, learned Counsel appearing (in Virtual Mode) on behalf of the State Respondents, Government of Jharkhand states that they will be adopting the affidavit filed by the Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board and separate affidavit is not required at this stage.
4. Mr. Dipanjan Ghosh, learned Counsel appearing (in Virtual Mode) on behalf of the Respondent No.2, Central Pollution Control Board submits that since CPCB is a Member of the Committee constituted by this Tribunal, separate affidavit is not required at this stage.
5. **List on 04.02.2025.**

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Sheo Kumar Singh, JM

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Dr. Arun Kumar Verma, EM

December 16, 2024,
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