

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

Original Application No.90/2023/EZ
(I.A. No.38/2023/EZ)

Rural Organisation for Social
Empowerment (ROSE)

Applicant

Versus

State of Odisha & Ors.

Respondents

Date of hearing: 09.12.2025

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. ISHWAR SINGH, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant: Mr. Subir Palit, Senior Advocate and Ms. Ananya Pradhan,
Advocate for the applicant (through VC).

Respondents: Mr. Satyabrata Mohanty, AGA for respondents no.1, 5, 6 and 7
(through VC).
Ms. Anamika Pandey, Advocate for respondent no.2 (through VC).
Mr. Apurba Ghosh, Advocate for respondent no.3 (through VC).
Ms. Papiya Banerjee Bihani, Advocate for respondent no.4
(through VC).

ORDER

1. Vide order dated 17.09.2025, respondent no.1- Revenue & Disaster Management, Khurda was granted four weeks' time for filing of its response but no response has been filed by respondent no. 1.
2. Learned AGA for respondents no. 1, 5, 6 and 7 seeks some more time for filing of response on behalf of respondent no. 1.
3. Section 18(3) of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 mandates this Tribunal to dispose of the pleadings within six months. This Tribunal ordered issuance of notice to the respondents on 14.08.2023. Response was not filed by respondent no. 1 within the period of six months. Respondent no. 1 was granted final opportunity vide order dated

31.07.2025 to file its response which has been extended by orders dated 18.08.2025 and 17.09.2025. Even though no sufficient ground for grant of further adjournment to respondent no. 1 is made out but in the interest of justice, one more opportunity is granted to respondent no. 1 for filing its response subject to payment of costs of Rs. 10,000/- for unnecessary adjournment, delay and inconvenience thereby caused. The costs may be deposited with the Registrar, NGT, (EZB) within one month and response by respondent no. 1 may also be filed within one month.

4. In the eventuality of not filing of response on behalf of respondent no. 1 within one month, Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management shall appear before this Tribunal physically to explain the circumstances of failure to file its response.

5. List on 29.01.2026 for further hearing.

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Ishwar Singh, EM

December 09th, 2025
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