

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

Original Application No.122/2023/EZ

Ajay Kumar Behera	Versus	Applicant(s)
State of Odisha & Ors.		Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 02.02.2024

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

For Applicant(s) : Mr. Sankar Prasad Pani, Advocate (in Virtual Mode)

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Tarun Patnaik, ASC for R-1-6,10 &11, (in Virtual Mode)
 Ms. Papiya Banerjee Bihani, Adv. for R-7&8, (in Virtual Mode)
 Mr. Apurba Ghosh, Adv. for R-9, (in Virtual Mode)
 Mr. Akhand, Advocate for R-13, (in Virtual Mode)

ORDER

1. Mr. Sankar Prasad Pani, learned Counsel is present (in Virtual Mode) for the Applicant.
2. Affidavit dated 31.10.2023 has been filed on behalf of the Respondent No.4, Collector & District Magistrate; Khurdha; the same is taken on record.
3. Another affidavit dated 07.12.2023 has been filed on behalf of the Respondent No.4, Collector & District Magistrate; Khurdha; the same is taken on record.
4. Further affidavit dated 25.01.2024 has been filed on behalf of the Respondent No.4, Collector & District Magistrate; Khurdha; the same is taken on record.
5. Notices in the present case were issued on 22.09.2023.
6. Mr. Akhanda, learned Counsel appearing (in Virtual Mode) states that he has received instructions only today from the Respondent No.13, Private Respondent, though Mr. Akhanda had filed his

Vakalatnama on 30.12.2023. Even after passage of one and half months, no counter-affidavit has been filed.

7. We, therefore, direct the Respondent No.13 to file his counter-affidavit by 12.02.2024.

8. **List on 12.02.2024.**

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B. Amit Sthalekar, JM

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Dr. Arun Kumar Verma, EM

February 02, 2024,
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