

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
EASTERN ZONE BENCH, KOLKATA
(Through Video Conferencing)**

Original Application No.94/2021/EZ
(I.A. No.01/2022/EZ)
(I.A. No.29/2022/EZ)
(I.A. No.174/2022/EZ)

Chittaranjan Mahanta & Ors.

Applicant(s)

Versus

State of Odisha & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 01.08.2022

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B. AMIT STHALEKAR, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. SAIBAL DASGUPTA, EXPERT MEMBER**

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

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Shakti Prasad Panda, AGA for R-1,2,3,4,5&7,
Mr. Soumitra Mukherjee, Advocate for R-8,
Ms. Aparajita Rao, Advocate a/w Mr. S. Tibrewal, Advocate for R-9

ORDER

1. Mr. Sankar Prasad Pani, learned Counsel is present on behalf of the Applicant.
2. One Rejoinder dated 06.07.2022 has been filed by the Applicant; the same is taken on record.
3. One Rejoinder dated 27.07.2022 has been filed by the Divisional Forest Officer, Rourkela Forest Division; the same is taken on record.
4. One Supplementary Affidavit dated 28.07.2022 has been filed on behalf of the Respondent No.9, Private Respondent; the same is taken on record.
5. **List on 25.08.2022 for hearing.**

I.A. No. 174/2022/EZ

6. This Interlocutory Application has been filed by Respondent No.8, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change. The prayer in this I.A. is for exoneration of Mr. M. Rajeshwar Prasad, Scientist "C", Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate

Change, Bhubaneswar, Odisha from payment of personal cost of Rs.2000/- (Rupees two thousand only).

7. The I.A. No. 174/2022/EZ is allowed.
8. Mr. M. Rajeshwar Prasad, Scientist “C”, Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Bhubaneswar, Odisha is exempted from payment of personal cost of Rs.2000/-.
9. Ms. Aparajita Rao, learned Counsel informs that Mr. Billwadal Bhattacharya has now been appointed as Assistant Solicitor General of India, Eastern Zone and therefore, he will not be appearing in this matter.
10. We, therefore, direct the office not to print the name of Mr. Billwadal Bhattacharya, in the cause list in future, in the array of respondents.

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B. Amit Sthalekar, JM

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Saibal Dasgupta, EM

August 01, 2022,
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