

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

Original Application No.117/2022/EZ

Lokanath Upadhyay

Applicant(s)

Versus

Union of India & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 24.03.2023

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B. AMIT STHALEKAR, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE PROF. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

For Applicant(s) : Mr. Lokanath Upadhyay, in person.

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Tarun Patnaik, ASC for R-2,5,6,7 & 8 (in Virtual Mode),
Mr. Sankar Prasad Pani, Advocate for R-9 (in Virtual Mode)

ORDER

1. Mr. Lokanath Upadhyay, the Applicant is present in person.
2. Mr. Sankar Prasad Pani, learned Counsel has put in appearance on behalf of the Respondent No.9, Private Respondent. Learned Counsel prays for and is granted two weeks for filing counter-affidavit.
3. The Applicant shall serve e-copy/soft copy of the Original Application along with all its annexures upon Mr. Sankar Prasad Pani, learned Counsel within 24 hours.
4. Mr. Tarun Patnaik, learned Additional Standing Counsel shall serve e-copies/soft copies of the Counter-affidavits dated 09.11.2022 and 17.01.2023 filed on behalf of the Respondent No.5, Collector and District Magistrate, Balasore and counter-affidavit dated 12.12.2022 filed on behalf of the Respondent No.6, Divisional Forest Officer, Balasore along with all its annexures upon Mr. Sankar Prasad Pani, learned Counsel within 24 hours.

5. **List on 13.04.2023.**

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B. Amit Sthalekar, JM

March 24, 2023
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Prof. A. Senthil Vel, EM