

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

Original Application No.139/2023/EZ
(Earlier O.A. No.542/2023)

In Re: News Report published in The Hindu
dated 28.08.2023 titled “Eight killed in blast
at illegal fireworks unit in West Bengal”

Applicant(s)

Date of hearing: 01.12.2023

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

For Applicant(s) : *Suo Motu*

ORDER

1. *Suo Motu* cognizance of the present case was taken up by the Principal Bench, National Green Tribunal, New Delhi as O.A. No.542/2023 and thereafter, the matter has been received on being transferred from the Principal Bench to the Eastern Bench of the Tribunal and re-numbered as Original Application No.139/2023/EZ.
2. Respondents have not been impleaded in the present Original Application. We, therefore, direct the Office to implead the following as under: -
 1. Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organization (PESO) as Respondent No.1;
 2. West Bengal Pollution Control Board through its Member Secretary as Respondent No.2;
 3. Central Pollution Control Board through its Member Secretary as Respondent No.3; and
 4. District Magistrate, North 24 Parganas as Respondent No.4

3. Issue notice to the Respondents, returnable within four weeks.
4. Mr. Ashok Prasad, learned Counsel who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the Respondent No.1, Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organization (PESO). The learned Counsel states that PESO is a Member of the Committee constituted by the Tribunal therefore, separate counter affidavit is not required.
5. Mr. Dipanjan Ghosh, learned Counsel who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the Respondent No.2, West Bengal Pollution Control Board.
6. Mr. Surendra Kumar, learned Counsel who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the Respondent No.3, Central Pollution Control Board.
7. Mr. Sibojyoti Chakraborty, learned Counsel who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the Respondent No.4, District Magistrate, North 24 Parganas. The learned Counsel files Vakalatnama on behalf of the State Respondents, Govt. of West Bengal; the same is taken on record. When the case is next listed, the name of Mr. Sibojyoti Chakraborty shall be printed in the cause list as Counsel for State Respondents, Government of West Bengal. The Learned Counsel prays for and is granted three weeks time for filing counter affidavit bringing on record the Report.
8. The other Respondents shall file their counter-affidavit within four weeks.
9. Office of the Tribunal shall serve e-copy/soft copy of the Original Application along with all its annexures on Mr. Ashok Prasad, Mr. Dipanjan Ghosh, Mr. Surendra Kumar and Mr. Sibojyoti Chakraborty, learned Counsel within 48 hours.

10. **List on 18.01.2024.**

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B. Amit Sthalekar, JM

December 01, 2023,
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Dr. Arun Kumar Verma, EM