

**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/PB)

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)

Versus

Petroleum and Explosives Safety
Organization (PESO) & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 18.01.2024

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

For Applicant(s) : *Suo Motu*,

For Respondent(s): Mr. Ashok Prasad, Advocate for R-1,
Mr. Dipanjan Ghosh, Advocate for R-2,
Mr. Surendra Kumar, Advocate for R- 3,
Mr. Sibojyoti Chakraborty, Advocate for R- 4,

ORDER

1. Affidavit dated 17.01.2024 has been filed on behalf of the Respondent No.1. Joint Chief Controller of Explosives; the same is taken on record.
2. Affidavit also dated 17.01.02024 has been filed on behalf of the Respondent No.4, District Magistrate & Collector, North 24 Parganas; the same is taken on record.
3. Along with this affidavit of the District Magistrate & Collector, North 24 Parganas, a report of the Joint Committee has been filed as Annexure-R-2.
4. Mr. Sibojyoti Chakraborty, learned Counsel appearing for State Respondents, Government of West Bengal, prays for and is granted three weeks time for filing a detailed affidavit.

5. The State Respondents shall also explain the stand of the State Government in their affidavit as to whether compensation is payable to persons who are involved in illegal activity such as - manufacturing of illegal fire explosive which itself poses a threat to the State Government and the people and damage to the environment and whether the State would compensate such persons who become victims of their own acts.
6. Let the affidavit be filed within three weeks.
7. **List on 04.03.2024.**

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B. Amit Sthalekar, JM

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Dr. Arun Kumar Verma, EM

January 18, 2024,
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