

Item No.5

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
CENTRAL ZONE BENCH, BHOPAL
(Through Video Conferencing)**

**Original Application No. 90/2023(CZ)
(I.A.No.80/2023)**

Naresh Choudhary

Applicant (s)

Vs.

Union of India & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of Hearing: 06.05.2025

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEO KUMAR SINGH, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

For Applicant (s):

Ms. Chandrika Upadhyay, Adv.

For Respondent(s):

Mr. Om Shankar Shrivastava, Adv.
Mr. Rishabh Kumar, Adv. on behalf of
Mr. Shoeb H. Khan, Adv.
Mr. Rohit Sharma, Adv.
Mr. Prashant M. Harne, Adv.

ORDER

1. The issues raised in this application are circular dated 09.06.2023 issued by the Forest Environment and Climate Change Department of Rajasthan in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and proper utilisation of the CAMPA fund in accordance with the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 Act number 38 of 2016 issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice on 3rd August 2016. Notices were issued and in compliance there of respondent no. 2, 3 and 4, State of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board have filed the reply.

2. Counter affidavit on behalf of Respondent no. 1 has also been filed. It is submitted that in other case with regard to utilisation of CAMPA fund is also pending, which was listed on 05.05.2025 and adjourned for the next date.
3. Accordingly, we direct the registry to put up this matter with the connected case, which is also related to utilisation of CAMPA fund.
4. State of Rajasthan is directed to clarify the stand of the State with regard to circular dated 09.06.2023, which is subject matter in issue in this Original Application. Learned Counsel for the State has sought a short time to submit the reply. The same may be submitted within a week. In case it is not filed, the Principal Secretary (Environment) has to attend the proceeding through V.C. on the date fixed for presenting the version and stand of the State

List it on **6th August, 2025.**

Sheo Kumar Singh, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

6th May 2025
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