

Item No. 03

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

Original Application No. 126/2023(CZ)
(O.A.No.547/2023 - PB)

News Item Titled "Chhattisgarh: Worker Killed As Molten Slag Falls On Him
At Steel Plant" Appearing In PTI Dated 22.08.2023

Date of Hearing: **05.12.2023**

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

For Applicant(s): None.

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Gopal Jain, Sr. Adv.
(with Ms. Gauri Rasgotra, Adv.,
Ms. Priyashree Sharma, Adv.,
Ms. Shubhra Sharma, Adv,
Mr. Manish Kharbanda and
Ms. Ekta Gupta, Adv.)
Mr. Abhinay Sharma, Adv.
(with Ms. Deeksha Prakash &
Ms. Parul Khurana. Adv.)
Dr. Sapna Aggarwal, Adv.
Mr. Yadvendra Yadav, Adv.

ORDER

1. The issue highlighted in this application is death of a worker in a steel plant in Raigarh, District - Chhattisgarh on account of falling hot slag on him and there are allegations that there are non-compliances of the environmental norms and the SOP issued in this behalf.
2. This Tribunal vide order dated 09.10.2023, issued a notice to the respondents but none has filed the reply.
3. CECB has filed the report but the report is defective on the sense that there is nothing with regard to the deceased and action taken against the project proponent for the negligence and non-compliances of the SOPs.
4. A document has been filed which is on record which is report of Factory Manager addressed to Deputy Director, Industrial Health and Safety,

Chakradhar Nagar Chowk, Raigarh, Chhattisgarh with the provision of compensation and report of the Regional Officer but no progress has been reported and no reply has been filed by the respondents.

5. The Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board, Raipur is directed to inform the respondents to submit the reply within four weeks.
6. Learned counsel for the project proponent put in appearance and submitted that the application is not maintainable and sought a short time to file the objection/reply.
7. Learned Counsel for MoEF&CC, CECB & CPCB sought a short time to file the reply. Reply/objection, if any may be filed within three weeks.
8. Issue notice to rest of respondent returnable within four weeks. Office/Registry is directed to take necessary steps. Respondents are directed to submit their reply before the next date of listing.

List it on **25th January, 2024.**

Sheo Kumar Singh, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

05th December, 2023
O.A. No. 126/2023 (CZ)
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