

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
WESTERN ZONE BENCH, PUNE**

[Through Physical Hearing (with Hybrid Option)]

ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO.147 OF 2023 (WZ)

Irfan Baloch & Ors.

.... **Applicants**

Versus

MoEF&CC & Ors.

....**Respondents**

Date of Hearing : 24.09.2024

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DINESH KUMAR SINGH, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. VIJAY KULKARNI, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicants : Applicants Nos.2 and 5 present in person

Respondents : Mr. Kishan Patel, Advocate holding for Mr. Maulik Nanavati,
Advocate for GPCB

ORDER

1. From the side of the applicants, applicant No.2 – Lavji Lalji Ambaliya and applicant No.5 – Katiya Haidarali Ahmadbhai are present in person, who are also representing other three applicants and have filed service-affidavit, which is undated, as per which, it is stated that all the respondents have been served through e-mail. The said service-affidavit is also said to be defective, hence it was required to be placed before us. We direct the applicants to file further affidavit after effecting service on all the respondents by registered post along with necessary documents within four weeks.

2. It appears from the record that vide letter (undated), a draft report of the Joint Committee had been submitted by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Junagadh to the Member Secretary, Gujarat Pollution Control Board for their perusal and comments/modifications, if any. A copy of the said letter along with copy of the draft Joint Committee report has been e-filed,

which is said to be defective. We have perused the said report of the Joint Committee, wherein it is concluded that there is no truthfulness in the allegations made in the present Original Application.

3. From the above report of the Joint Committee, it is apparent that there is no violation found by the Joint Committee. However, we direct the learned counsel for GPCB to serve a copy of the aforesaid Joint Committee report to the applicants within two weeks through e-mail and within four weeks thereafter, objections thereto, if any, shall be filed by the applicants.

4. Put up this matter for next consideration on 06.11.2024.

Dinesh Kumar Singh, JM

Dr. Vijay Kulkarni, EM

September 24, 2024
O.A.No. 147/2023(WZ)
npj