

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

[THROUGH PHYSICAL HEARING (WITH HYBRID OPTION)]

ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 147/2023 (WZ)

Irfan Baloch and Ors

.....Applicant

Versus

MoEF&CC Ors.

....Respondents

Date of hearing: 25.03.2026

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

Applicant	:	Ms. Meenaz Kakalia, Advocate for applicant
Respondents	:	Mr. Pushkal Mishra, Advocate for R-1/MoEF&CC Ms. Manvi Damle h/f Mr. Maulik Nanavati, Advocate for GPCB Dy. Conservator of Forest, for R.4 Mr. Ishan Joshi, Advocate for R-10 & 11

ORDER

1. Today the matter is listed for final arguments. We find that, this Tribunal had directed by order dated 10.10.2023, that the Committee shall be constituted comprising one member each of following: (i). The Chief Conservator of Forest, State of Gujarat; (ii). The District Collector, Morbi, State of Gujarat; and (iii) The Secretary, Environment Department, Government of Gujarat, and the direction was given to submit a report in respect of the truthfulness of the allegations made in the complaint/O.A. This Committee had submitted its draft report through Chief Conservator of Forest, Junagarh to the Member Secretary Gujarat Commission Control Board for perusal and comments/modifications, if any, which is evident from our order dated 24.09.2024. A copy of the said report was e-filed,

which was found to be defective. The said draft report is found contained in blue file of our record, because of being defective.

2. By the next order dated 06.11.2024, GPCB was directed to serve a copy of the Joint Committee report upon the applicants, which was done by the learned counsel for GPCB, Mr. Maulik Nanavati, and applicants were granted four weeks' time to file objection against the same.

3. We fail to understand as to why a draft report that too defective one, was placed on record by the respondent no. 3-Chief Conservator Forest Wildlife. Therefore, we direct the learned Registrar to write a letter to the Chief Conservator Forest, asking for the explanation as to why the final report had not been submitted and defective draft report was submitted to us as well as to the GPCB. Let, this explanation be submitted within two weeks.

4. Put up this matter for further consideration on 23.04.2026.

Dinesh Kumar Singh, JM

Dr. Sujit Kumar Bajpayee, EM

March 25, 2026

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