

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

[Through Physical Hearing (with Hybrid Option)]

ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO.89 OF 2023 (WZ)

Ravindra Kuber Walawade ... **Applicant**

Versus

Government Medical College & Hospital & Ors. ... **Respondents**

WITH

ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO.90 OF 2023 (WZ)

Ravindra Kuber Walawade ... **Applicant**

Versus

Padmabhushan Vasantdada Patil
Government Hospital & Ors. ... **Respondents**

Date of Hearing : 13.02.2025

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

Applicant : Mr. Omkar Wangikar, Advocate in both O.As.

Respondents : Dr. Sandeep B. Satpute, Assistant Professor, representing
R-1/Government Medical College & Hospital in both O.As.
Mr. Aniruddha Kulkarni, Advocate for R-2
Mr. Vilas Jadhav, Advocate for R-3 and R-4/MPCB

ORDER

1. We have read the affidavit-in-reply dated 16.12.2024, filed by respondent No.1 in both these O.As., in which it is stated that an amount of Rs. 14,51,78,200 has been sanctioned by the Government vide Govt. Resolution dated 21.08.2024 for setting up STP, ETP and underground drainage. The completion of this work will take about 24 months once the technical sanction is received from the Mumbai headquarters for completion of the work of STP, ETP and underground drainage. Simultaneously it is stated that the answering respondent is a Government hospital, which is extending medical treatment to commoners on large scale. Therefore, it is prayed that the amount of Environmental Damage Compensation (EDC) of

Rs.4,32,00,000/- for the period from 01.04.2012 to 28.01.2024 and amount of Rs.30,60,000 towards additional EDC, levied by the MPCB in both these cases, may be waived off.

2. Learned counsel for the applicant states that he does not want to file any rejoinder to the said affidavit of respondent No.1.

3. We direct learned counsel for respondent Nos.3 and 4 – MPCB to disclose as to why the cut-off date “01.04.2012” has been taken in these cases for calculation of EDC, by furnishing a short affidavit.

4. We also direct respondent No.1 in both these cases to give timeline for completion of entire work of installation of STP, ETP and underground drainage work as to before which date, this work would be completed, in detail within one month. Thereafter, we will pass final order in both these O.As.

5. Put up both these matters on 17.04.2025 for further consideration/ final order.

Dinesh Kumar Singh, JM

Dr. Vijay Kulkarni, EM

February 13, 2025
O.A. Nos.89/2023 and 90/2023 (WZ)
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