

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

[THROUGH PHYSICAL HEARING (WITH HYBRID OPTION)]

**ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO.185 OF 2023 (WZ)
I.A. NO.184 OF 2025 (WZ)
EARLIER PIL NO.14/2014
(DISPOSED OF ON 06.09.2023)**

Vanashakti Public Trust & Anr.

.....Applicants

Versus

Union of India & Ors.

....Respondents

Date of hearing: 18.06.2025

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

Applicant	:	Mr. Zaman Ali, Advocate
Respondents	:	Mr. Rahul Garg, Advocate along-with Mr. Shubham Rathod, Advocate for R-1/MoEF&CC Mr. Aniruddha Kulkarni, Advocate for R-2(i)/Env't. Deptt, R-2(ii)/UDD and R-3/MCZMA Ms. Manasi Joshi, Advocate along-with Ms. Pooja Natu, Advocate for R-7/MPCB Mr. Pushkal Mishra, Advocate for R-8

ORDER

1. Keeping in view the vastness of the matter involved, it would be appropriate for learned counsel for the applicants to prepare a brief note, pointing out therein the issues, on which this Tribunal has to render its verdict and relevant pages of the evidences, if he has in support of his averments. A copy of the said brief shall also be served upon all other parties.

2. From the side of Respondent No.2 (i) – Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Maharashtra, learned counsel Mr.

Aniruddha Kulkarni has appeared and states that he has already filed reply-affidavit on behalf of the said respondent before the Hon'ble High Court. He also states that he is also representing Respondent No.2(ii) – Secretary, Urban Development Department, Government of Maharashtra and Respondent No.3 – MCZMA in this matter.

3. From the side of Respondent No.7 – MPCB, learned counsel Ms. Manasi Joshi has appeared and states that the reply-affidavit has been filed before the Hon'ble High Court upon which she is relying.

4. From the side of Respondent No. 8 – Ministry of Jalshaki, learned counsel Mr. Pushkal Mishra has appeared and states that affidavit-in-reply dated 24.01.2025 has already been filed.

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5. This I.A. has been filed by learned counsel for the applicant/Respondent No.2(ii)- Urban Development Department praying therein for recall of the order dated 24.01.2025 passed by this Tribunal, whereby a cost of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) was imposed upon Respondent No.2(ii) for not filing the reply affidavit in time, on the ground that due to the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Elections held on 20.11.2024, the delay has occurred in filing the said reply affidavit and that there is no deliberate delay on their part.

6. Looking to the fact that final hearing in this matter is yet to be started by us and summary is also directed to be submitted from the side of applicants, we deem it appropriate to allow this I.A. and is accordingly allow the same and waive of the cost of Rs.10,000/- to be deposited by Respondent No.2.

I.A. NO.184 OF 2025 (WZ) stands disposed of accordingly.

7. Registry is directed to list this matter for final hearing on 25.09.2025.

8. We find that record of the present Original Application is quite bulky, hence Registry is also directed to do the pagination of the entire file so that no difficulty is faced by the Tribunal at the time of hearing the arguments of learned counsel for the other parties and a copy of the paginated documents be also served upon all the other parties.

Dinesh Kumar Singh, JM

Dr. Vijay Kulkarni, EM

June 18, 2025

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