

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

[Through Physical Hearing (with Hybrid Option)]

ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO.222 OF 2023 (WZ)

Mrs. Mangal w/o Vishnu Bodkhe & 4 Ors.

Applicants

Versus

M/s Matrix Life Science Pvt.Ltd. & 3 Ors..

Respondents

Date of hearing : 08.08.2024

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

Applicants : Ms. Shriya Awale, Advocate holding for Mr. Asim Sarode,
Advocate

Respondents : Mr. Sachin Gore, Advocate for R-1
Ms. Manasi Joshi, Advocate for R-2
Mr. Aniruddha Kulkarni, Advocate for R-3
Mr. Pushkal Mishra, Advocate for R-4
Mr. Amol Shinde, Advocate holding for Mr. V.V. Gujar,
Advocate for R-5

ORDER

1. From the side of respondent No.5 – Department of Agriculture through its District Superintendent Agriculture Officer, learned counsel Mr. Amol Shinde, holding brief of learned counsel Mr. V.V. Gujar, has appeared and states that respondent No.5 has report with respect to sample of soil and report about the sample of water is awaited from MPCB because of which four weeks' time will be required to file the Joint Committee Report. We allow the same by way of last opportunity.

2. From the side of respondent No.2-MPCB, learned counsel Ms. Manasi Joshi has appeared and states that an affidavit dated 07.08.2024 has been filed, stating therein that previously, IIT Powai was given task of conducting assessment of ground water contamination and mitigation plan based on detailed assessment of contaminated ground water at

Paithan MIDC Area, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, but the said Institution showed its inability to conduct the exercise and hence, they have appointed M/s Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur for the said work and the work order has been issued.

3. At this stage, learned counsel for the applicants raised an objection in respect of the delay committed at the end of MPCB, saying that the IIT, Powai had sent its refusal as far back as on 03.05.2024, but after such huge delay, now M/s Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur has been engaged for the said purpose.

4. The learned counsel for respondent No.2-MPCB clarified that the study was to be conducted prior to the monsoon, but now since the monsoon has set in, the new Institute would be conducting the study in October, 2024 after the rainy season is over.

5. From the side of the applicants, learned counsel Ms. Shriya Awale, holding brief of learned counsel Mr. Asim Sarode, has appeared.

6. From the side of respondent No.1 – M/s Matrix Life Science Pvt. Ltd./Project Proponent, learned counsel Mr. Sachin Gore has appeared.

7. From the side of respondent No.3-CPCB, learned counsel Mr. Aniruddha Kulkarni has appeared.

8. From the side of respondent No.4-MoEF&CC, learned counsel Mr. Pushkal Mishra has appeared.

9. Put up this matter for next consideration on 07.01.2025.

Dinesh Kumar Singh, JM

Dr. Vijay Kulkarni, EM

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