

Item No. 05

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI**

Appeal No. 29 Of 2020 (SZ)

(Through Video Conference)

IN THE MATTER OF:

S.K. Vijaykumar,

... Appellant(s)

Versus

Karnataka State Level Environment Impact
Assessment Authority,
Bangalore and others.

...Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 12.04.2021.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. RAMAKRISHNAN, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE MR. Dr. K. SATYAGOPAL, EXPERT MEMBER

For Appellant (s):

Sri. G. Stanly Hebzon Singh represented
Sri. Ritwick Dutta

For Respondent(s):

Sri. H.K. Vasanth for R1
Mr. Suresh Kumar represented
M/s. K.M. Vijayan Associates for R2
Mr. K. M. Darpan represented
Mr. M.R. Gokul Krishnan for R3
Mr. K. M. Darpan for R4 & R6
Mr. Dhanaraj for R5
Mrs. M. Sumathi for R7

ORDER

1. The above appeal has been posted to today for completion of pleadings.

2. When the matter came up for hearing today through Video Conference, Sri. G. Stanly Hebzon Singh represented Sri. Ritwick Dutta counsel for the appellant. Sri. H. K. Vasanth represented 1st respondent, Mr. Suresh Kumar represented M/s. K.M. Vijayan Associates counsel for 2nd respondent, Mr. K.M. Darpan represented Mr. M.R. Gokul Krishnan counsel for 3rd respondent, Mr. K.M. Darpan represented respondents 4 & 6, Mr. Dhanaraj represented 5th respondent and Mrs. M. Sumathi represented 7th respondent. So service is complete.
3. The respondents 1 and 2 had filed their counter statements. The other respondents pray for some time.
4. It may be mentioned here, that the appeal was admitted on 16.12.2020 and thereafter the matter was adjourned from time to time and lastly the matter was taken up on 17.03.2021 and at the request of the parties, the matter was adjourned for completion of pleadings.
5. Further, there was a direction to file their statements within two weeks as well. However, considering the circumstances, we feel that one more opportunity can be given to the official respondents to file their statements within three weeks. If the statements are not filed within three weeks as directed, then, the same will be received only on the payment of the cost of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) each for the respondents who have not filed their statements and that amount will have to be paid to the Karnataka State Legal Service Authority

- (KSLSA) and to produce proof of payment of such amount.
6. The Karnataka State Legal Service Authority (KSLSA) is directed to utilize this amount for conducting literacy classes to promote environment awareness to the people of the locality.
 7. The appellant is also at liberty to file their rejoinder to the counter statement filed before the next hearing date by giving advance copy to the counsel appearing for the other parties.
 8. The Registry is directed to communicate this order to the official respondents and also to the Karnataka State Legal Service Authority (KSLSA), Bangalore for their information and compliance of the direction.
 9. For completion of pleadings and for hearing, post on 24.05.2021.

.....J.M.
(Justice K. Ramakrishnan)

.....E.M.
(Shri. Dr. K. Satyagopal)

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