

ITEM NO.4 Court 6 (Video Conferencing)

SECTION XVII

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Civil Appeal No(s).896/2021

ROURKELA STEEL PLANT

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

ODISHA POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(With appls.for exemption from filing c/c of the impugned judgment,  
exemption from filing O.T., stay application)

Date : 09-07-2021 This appeal was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE L. NAGESWARA RAO  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S. RAVINDRA BHAT

For Appellant(s) Ms. Madhavi Goradia Divan, ASG  
Mr. Yashraj Singh Deora, AOR  
Ms. Prakriti Roy, Adv.  
Ms. Sonal Mashankar, Adv.

For Respondent(s)

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

Pursuant to a newspaper report, the National Green Tribunal registered a *Suo Moto* Petition 'Four workers dead due to toxic gas leak in Rourkela Steel Plant'. The Tribunal directed payment of compensation to the families/heirs of the persons who died in the gas leakage. The Tribunal also constituted an Expert Committee for the purpose of suggesting safety measures to be taken by the industries.

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Ms. Madhavi Goradia Divan, learned ASG submits that the National Green Tribunal has no jurisdiction to take up the matter *Suo Moto* and this point is pending consideration in two appeals i.e. Civil Appeal Nos.12122-12123/2018 and Civil Appeal No.5902/2019 before this Court. She further submits that the dependants of three out of four workers who died on 06.01.2021 have been given compassionate appointments.

Issue notice.

In the meanwhile, stay of the operation of the judgment and final order dated 11.02.2021 of the National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi in O.A.No.09/2021. The dependants of the workers, who died on 06.01.2021 shall continue in employment till further orders.

(Nirmala Negi)  
Court Master

(Renu Kapoor)  
Court Master