

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

Appeal No. 61/2015
And
Appeal No. 1/2016
[M.A No. 11/2016 M.A.No.203/2016]

In the matter of:

**Federation of Rainbow Warriors, Margao Vs Union of India & Ors and
Hanuman Laxman Aroskar & Anr Vs Union of India & Through MOEF & Ors**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR JUSTICE U.D SALVI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. RANJAN CHATTERJEE, EXPERT MEMBER**

Appeal No.61/2015

Present:	Applicant/Appellant	:	In person
	Respondent No.1	:	Supriya Dangare Adv
	Respondent Nos.2,3	:	Mr. Dattaprasad Lawande Addl AG
	Respondent No.4	:	Prachi Sawant. Adv

Appeal No.1/2016

Present:	Applicant/Appellant	:	None Present.
	Respondent No.1	:	Supriya Dangare Adv
	Respondent Nos.2,3	:	Mr. Dattaprasad Lawande Addl AG
	Respondent No.4	:	Prachi Sawant. Adv

Date and Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
Item Nos. 9,13 January 11, 2017 Order Nos.13	<p style="text-align: center;">Heard. Perused record.</p> <p>A challenge to the Environmental Clearance (EC) granted to the project of construction of International Airport on Barazan plateau in Pernem taluka of North Goa is thrown in these Appeals.</p> <p>Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of Respondent No.1 Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF) submits that reply has been filed by MoEF in Appeal No.61/2015 and reply needs to be filed on behalf of MoEF in the Appeal No.1/2016. She submits that though the subject matter of both the Appeals is same, the Appellant in Appeal No.1/2016 has raised certain additional grounds which need to be answered appropriately and as such, time is required for filing the same. She undertakes to file reply on behalf of MoEF within two (2) weeks and states that no further time will be asked by MoEF.</p> <p>The Appellant submits that hearing of the Appeal is being delayed and passage of time is exposing environment to the injurious activities of the State, causing environmental degradation. He submits that State of</p>

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Goa has undertaken work of widening of road leading to plateau, where construction of International Airport is envisaged and in doing so, cutting of trees for the purpose of widening is undertaken and thereby threat to environment at the subject matter of the Appeal is turning into a reality.

Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of State submits that widening of road is not part of EC granted to construction. He makes a statement on instructions that State of Goa shall obtain all necessary permissions required for cutting of trees before any cutting of tree is undertaken.

He further submits that this contention was raised in Misc. Application No.204/2016 at para-6 thereof belatedly and this aspect was considered by the Bench while passing order dated 23rd August, 2016 and Misc. Applications moved for interim relief were ordered to be heard along with Appeals.

Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of Respondents submits that no further time for hearing will be solicited on their behalf and the Appeals can be finally heard on the next date. Considering these circumstances, we do not wish to pass any further interim order at this stage.

The interim order granted on 28th November, 2016 protecting fourteen (14) occupants of the area in question, shall continue until further orders.

List this case on 8/9 February, 2017.

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(Justice U.D. Salvi)

....., **EM**
(Ranjan Chatterjee)