## BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL EASTERN ZONE BENCH, KOLKATA

O.A. No. 76/2015/EZ

## **JOYDEEP MUKHERJEE**

VS

## POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, MEGHALAYA & ANR

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P.Wangdi, Judicial Member

Hon'ble Prof. (Dr.) P. C. Mishra, Expert Member

PRESENT: Applicant : None

Respondent No. 1 : Mr. Shubhayu Roy, Advocate : Ms. Noelle Banerjee, Advocate Mr. Dipanjan Dey, Advocate

Orders of the Tribunal Date & Remarks Item No. 2 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2016. Mr. Shubhayu Roy, Id. Adv. appearing on behalf of respondent No. 1, Meghalaya State PCB, prays for leave to file status report. Similarly, Ms. Noelle Banerjee, Ld. Adv. also prays that she may be permitted to file response on behalf of Respondent No. 2, the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Meghalaya, Leave is granted. The Responses are ordered to be taken on record. Ms. Banerjee has drawn our attention to a number of orders filed as annexures to the affidavit filed on behalf of respondent No. 2 today, to indicate that substantial action has been taken to identify those brick kilns operating without consent to operate and steps and actions taken against them. Mr. Subhayu Roy, Ld. Adv. for Meghalya State PCB, prays for time

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to verify the facts stated on behalf of the Respondent No. 2 as he has no instructions today.

Mr. Roy submits that the PCB has issued necessary directions to the Dy. Commissioners of the respective areas to take steps in pursuance of our order passed earlier. However, we are not satisfied with the action taken thus far. It is expected of them to be more active and, in view of the affidavit of the Chief Secretary filed today, there may not be any difficulty for them to do so.

We direct the Respondent No. 1, Meghalaya State PCB, to ensure that brick kilns operating in violation of the laws are dealt with as required under the relevant statutes in exercise of the powers vested in them. Report be filed on the action taken on the next day.

List on 13.7.2016.

Justice S.P.Wangdi, JM

Prof. (Dr.) P. C. Mishra, EM