BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

Original Application No. 24 of 2011 (Civil Appeal No. 10312/2016)

And

Execution Application No. 34/2016

In

Original Application No. 24 of 2011

And

Original Application No. 84 of 2017 (Earlier O.A. No. 24 of 2011)

And

Original Application No. 64 of 2017 (Earlier O.A. No. 279 of 2016)

IN THE MATTER OF:

Samir Mehta Vs. Union of India & Ors.

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Kumar Gaurav Vs. Laureate Buildwell Pvt. Ltd. & Ors.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SWATANTER KUMAR, CHAIRPERSON

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAGHUVENDRA S. RATHORE, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE MR. BIKRAM SINGH SAJWAN, EXPERT MEMBER

Present: Applicant:

Respondent No. 1:

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Mr. Sarthak Chaturvedi and Mr. Shubham Jaiswal, Advs.

Mr. Pragyan Pradip Sharma adn Ms. Anandini Kumari, Advs.

Mr. A.K. Panda and Mr. M. Paikaray, Advs.

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Mr. Amit Agarwal and Ms. Asha N. Basu, Advs.

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Mr. Ravindra Kumar, Adv.

 $\mbox{Mr.}$ Pradeep Mishra and Mr. Daleep Kr. Dhyani, Advs.

Mr. Balendu Shekhar, Adv. and Mr. Dinesh Jindal, Law Officer, Delhi Pollution Control Committee

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Ms. D. Bharathi Reddy, Adv. for State of Uttarakhand

Mr. Nikhil Nayyar and Mr. N. Sai Vinod, Advs. for APPCB and Telangana Pollution Control Board

| | Date and | Orders of the Tribunal | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Remarks Item No. | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 04 to 07 | We have heard the Learned Counsel appearing for | | | | | | | | | |
| | February 03, 2017 | various parties and the Boards. In furtherance to the | | | | | | | | | |
| | sn | directions of the Tribunal, majority of the State Boards | | | | | | | | | |
| | | have filed their Affidavits, however, some of them have not | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1 | filed. We see no reason at to why the Boards should not | | | | | | | | | |
| 9219 | | have complied with the directions issued by the Tribunal. | | | | | | | | | |
| | | We grant them one week time by way of final opportunity. | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | | The State Boards who have filed their Affidavits and | | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | 1 z | have received directly or indirectly the environmental | | | | | | | | | |
| V | A | compensation or other penalty under the orders of the | | | | | | | | | |
| | N Q | Tribunal should pay 25% of the amount so received to the | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1 5 | Central Pollution Control Board within two weeks from | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1 | today. The Central Pollution Control Board shall maintain | | | | | | | | | |
| | 66 | a separate head of account for the amounts received by it | | | | | | | | | |
| | | from the State Pollution Control Boards or the Pollution | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Control Committees and would also pay in that account | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 25% of the amount received by it under the Orders of the | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tribunal from the various industries, bodies etc. | | | | | | | | | |
| | | The amount so collected shall be spent under the | | | | | | | | | |
| | | directions of the Tribunal for meeting the expenses of the | | | | | | | | | |
| | | honorarium and other expenses incurred by the Member | | | | | | | | | |
| | | of various Committees, Chairman, and other members | | | | | | | | | |
| | | constituted under the order of the Tribunal for | | | | | | | | | |
| | | implementation of the directions for preparation of any | | | | | | | | | |

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scheme, project etc. The amount will be spend under the directions of the Tribunal.

We may notice here that despite specific directions under the respective judgment, none of the State Pollution Control Boards or Pollution Control Committees have yet filed any plan to show as to how they propose to spend the amount which they have received under the orders of the Tribunal on account of environmental compensation, penalty or any other charges, the purpose thereof and what is required to be achieved by such expenditure. By way of last opportunity, we grant two weeks time to each of the State Boards to file their respective plans, the field of environment upon which they plan to spend such amount. The mechanism that will be followed and the resultant benefit thereof. Needless to notice that all the State Boards should set their priorities for incurring such expenditure keeping in view the environmental protection of the State.

Let this direction be positively complied with and in the event of default, we make it clear that the Chairman and the Member Secretary of the Board shall be liable to pay cost personally that would be imposed by the Tribunal.

Let the Registry inform this order to all the Chairmen and Member Secretaries of the respective Boards and Pollution Control Committees.

Let these matters be listed on 07^{th} February, 2017 the date already fixed and for compliance of this order matter be listed on 08^{th} March, 2017.

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