

Item No. 02

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI
(Through Video Conferencing)**

Original Application No. 12/2015 (EZ)

Joydeep Mukherjee

Applicant(s)

Versus

The Chairman, Pollution Control Board & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 08.04.2019

**CORAM : HON'BLE. MR. JUSTICE K. RAMAKRISHNAN, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. SATYAWAN SINGH GARBYAL, EXPERT MEMBER**

For Applicant(s):

Mrs. Leena Mukherjee, Adv. for Applicant

For Respondent (s):

Ms. Paushali Banerjee, Adv. for Ms. Arpita Chowhdury, Adv for R-1.

Mr. Bikas Kargupta, Adv. for Respondent Nos. 2-4, 9, 11 & 12

Mr. Alok Kumar Ghosh & Mr. Gopal Chand Das, Advs. for Respondent No. 5

Mr. Amitava Das, Adv. for Respondent No. 8

Mr. Paushali Banerjee, Adv. for Respondent No. 10

Mr. Ashok Prasad, Adv. for Respondent Nos. 14 & 17

Mr. Soumitra Mukherjee, Adv. for Respondent No. 16

ORDER

1. Mr. Bikas Kargupta, Advocate appearing for the State of West Bengal submitted that the matter has been listed only on Friday i.e. 05.04.2019 and they came to know about the same only on Saturday i.e. 06.04.2019. So they are not in a position to get this present status of the action taken for prevention or avoiding pollution being caused on Adi Ganga River.

2. Ms. Paushali Banerjee, Advocate for Ms. Arpita Chaudhary entered appearance for Respondent No. 1.

3. Mr. Soumitra Mukherjee, Advocate entered appearance for R-16.

4. The petitioner is directed to submit an amended copy showing all the persons impleaded in the case, subsequently to the filing of the case.

5. The matter relates to Pollution of River Adi Ganga in West Bengal. The matter came up for hearing last on 01.11.2017 and thereafter it was posted to 15.11.2017 and directed to be listed on 03.01.2018; thereafter it was adjourned by notification.

6. It is not known what is the present stage and what are all the action taken by the Government and the concerned departments to remedy the situation in compliance of earlier orders passed by the Tribunal in this matter. So the concerned authorities, namely SPCB and the Irrigation and Waterways Department, Government of West Bengal and concerned Municipal Corporation, are directed to submit the present status and also action taken for rejuvenation of River Adi Ganga which is covered by 351 polluted river stretches which is being considered by the Principal Bench of National Green Tribunal in O.A. 673/2018 titled as News item published in "The Hindu" authored by Shri Jacob Koshy titled "More river stretches are now critically polluted : CPCB.

7. The above mentioned parties are directed to submit the action plan prepared for rejuvenation of the river Adi Ganga and also the steps taken for clearing the pollution and make it a pollution free river and what is the present status within two months from today by e-mail.

8. The Chief Secretary of West Bengal shall oversee the proceedings and see that proper action plan is coming from the concerned departments to remedy the situation with proper time line.

Post on 29th July, 2019 for consideration of the report.

K. Ramakrishnan, JM

Dr. S.S Garbyal, EM

April 08, 2019
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