

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL  
EASTERN ZONE BENCH, KOLKATA  
(Through Video Conferencing)**

Original Application No. 56/2015/EZ  
With  
Original Application No. 33/2014/EZ

Subhas Datta

Applicant(s)

Versus

Union of India & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 16.09.2021

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B. AMIT STHALEKAR, JUDICIAL MEMBER  
HON'BLE MR. SAIBAL DASGUPTA, EXPERT MEMBER**

For Applicant(s) : Mr. Subhas Datta, in person

For Respondent(s): Mr. Gora Chand Roy Choudhury, Advocate for R-1,  
Mr. Kallol Guhathakurta, Advocate for R-2,  
Mr. Prasun Mukherjee, Advocate for R-3 & 4,  
Ms. Madhumita Bhattacharjee, Adv. for R-5,6,7 & 12,  
Mr. Sibojyoti Chakraborty, Advocate for R-8,  
Ms. Paushali Banerjee, Advocate for R-10,  
Mr. Utkarsh Sharma, Advocate a/w  
Ms. Soumi Guha Thakurta, Advocate for R-11,

**ORDER**

1. Mr. Subhas Datta, the Applicant in person is present.
2. Mr. Gora Chand Roy Choudhury, learned Counsel is present for Respondent No.1, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Mr. Kallol Guhathakurta, learned Counsel is present for Respondent No.2, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Govt. of India, Mr. Prasun Mukherjee, learned Counsel is present for Respondent Nos.3 & 4, GAIL (India) Ltd., & Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Ms. Madhumita Bhattacharjee, learned Counsel is present for Respondent Nos. 5, 6, 7 & 12, State Respondents, Govt. of West Bengal, Mr. Sibojyoti Chakraborty, learned Counsel is present for Respondent No.8, West Bengal Pollution Control Board, Ms. Paushali Banerjee, learned Counsel is present for Respondent No.10, Essar Oil Ltd., and Mr. Utkarsh Sharma, learned Counsel

assisted by Ms. Soumi Guha Thakurta, learned Counsel is present for Respondent No.11, National Gas Regulatory Board (NGRB).

3. No one is present for Respondent No.9, Greater Eastern Energy Corporation Limited.
4. Ms. Madhumita Bhattacharjee, learned Counsel submits that she was not able to file the district-wise action plan, particularly with regard to the Districts of Purulia, Bankura, Paschim Bardhman, Hooghly, Howrah, East Medinipore, Nadia, North 24 Parganas, with regard to the laying of pipeline including the position of issuance of RoU, works that are in the pipeline and expected timeline for completion and works that are yet to commence including the impediments faced.
5. Ms. Bhattacharjee further submits that she has not been provided any assistance by the Land Department, Govt. of West Bengal.
6. In the Original Application the Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal is impleaded as Respondent No.12, we, therefore, direct the Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal, to look into the matter personally and ensure that the Land Department provides all assistance to Ms. Bhattacharjee with regard to all the documents and information as may be required for enabling her to file her counter-affidavit in the Original Application.
7. We grant further four weeks time to the State Respondents for filing their counter-affidavits.
8. We may also observe that this matter has been pending in the Tribunal since 2015 whereas the proposal for laying of the gas pipeline was initiated in the year 2011 and more than 10 years have passed with little progress. We, therefore, direct the Chief Secretary Govt. of West Bengal, to personally look into the matter

and ensure that all the impediments with laying of the gas pipeline for providing CNG gas to the city of Kolkata, Howrah and adjoining areas is expedited.

9. **List on 16.11.2021.**

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**B. Amit Sthalekar, JM**

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**Saibal Dasgupta, EM**

September 16, 2021  
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