

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

M.A. No.72/2019
In
Original Application No. 235/2017

Vipas Pandit

Applicant(s)

Versus

Union of India &Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 06.03.2019

CORAM:

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAGHUVENDRA S. RATHORE, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. SATYAWAN SINGH GARBYAL, EXPERT MEMBER**

For Applicant(s):

For Respondent(s):

Mr. Rajesh K. Singh and Mr.
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MoEF& CC
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Dr. Mansih Singhvi, AAG, for
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ORDER

M.A.No.72 of 2019

This misc. application has been filed by respondent no.1- MoEF & CC for extension of time to finalize the notification in compliance of the order dated 07.01.2019.

It is to be noted that the original application (235/2017) was decided by this Tribunal on 07.01.2019.

Looking to the issue involved and the compliance to be made for final notification of Eco Sensitive Zone (ESZ) wherein objections were to be called from the stakeholders, time of 60 days was granted. It was made clear that all stakeholders including the applicant may file objections, within the stipulated period and after considering the same a final notification was to be issued by the Ministry, in the aforesaid time frame.

Interestingly, the meeting had been called by the Ministry only on 28.02.2019. Now it has been submitted before us that further time is required. The date of the order passed by us, the time granted for doing the needful and the first step of calling the meeting having been taken by the Ministry only on 28.02.2019 that is to say after 51 days, speaks for itself that the respondents were responsible for the delay and the steps were not taken at the appropriate time, despite of timeline had been granted to them.

In the circumstances and in view of the fact that final notification of ESZ is to be notified at the earliest in the interest of the sanctuary, namely Keoladeo National Park, we grant four weeks time to the respondent –Ministry to issue final notification, subject to the condition of cost of Rs. 5000/-, to be paid by the officer who was responsible for not taking prompt steps so as to complete the procedure within the time granted vide our order dated 07.01.2019.

The said cost be deposited with NGT Legal Aid within one week.

Accordingly, Misc. Application No. 72/2019 stands disposed of, with no order as to cost.

Raghuvendra S. Rathore, JM

Dr. Satyawan Singh Garbyal, EM

March 06, 2019
JG

