

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

Original Application No. 14/2017/EZ

Tribunal on its Own Motion

Applicant(s)

Versus

State of West Bengal & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 14.07.2021

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

For Applicant(s) : Mr. Subhas Datta, Amicus Curiae

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Bikas Kargupta, Advocate for R-1-5
Mr. Gora Chand Roy Chowdhury, Advocate for R-9
Mr. Ashok Prasad, Advocate for R-10-11 and 13

ORDER

1. Shri Subhas Datta, learned Amicus Curiae is present.
2. Shri Ashok Prasad, learned Counsel for Respondent No. 10-Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Respondent No. 11-National Ganga River Basin Authority and Respondent No. 13-National Mission for Clean Ganga Authority is present. Shri Gora Chand Roy Chowdhury, learned Counsel for Respondent No. 9-Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change is present.
3. An affidavit has been filed by the Respondent No. 4-Irrigation & Waterways Department dated 10.11.2017 and 29.12.2017, let it be taken on record.
4. Another affidavit has been filed by the Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department dated 24.09.2018 and also an affidavit has been filed by the Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department dated 15.10.2020, same are taken on record.
5. A perusal of these affidavits show and as also submitted by Shri Bikas Kargupta, learned Counsel representing the State

Respondents that a lot of positive work is being done by the respondents towards acquiring or taking possession of land for the establishment of ETP or STP as the case may be and also tenders have been done but since it is a time consuming process, he prays that this matter may come up again and he may be granted time to file a fresh affidavit indicating the current status as more than eight months have already passed since the last affidavit was filed.

6. We, therefore, direct Shri Bikas Kargupta to file a fresh affidavit giving the current status of the works done or the status of the work undertaken along with the timeline required for completion of the works towards cleaning up of the Keshtopur Canal and Bagjola Canal.
7. Shri Subhas Datta, learned Amicus Curiae who is present is also directed to place before this Tribunal the current status regarding the Keshtopur Canal and Bagjola Canal within the same period of time.
8. Shri Ashok Prasad shall also file his affidavit bringing on record the current status regarding submission of project proposal to National Mission for Clean Ganga Authority (NMCG) and subsequent developments within the same period of time.
9. We also direct the Irrigation & Waterways Department to file a fresh affidavit with regard to cleaning of the above referred canals within the same period of time.
10. The respondents shall exchange the e-copy/soft copy of the their affidavits among themselves at least one week before the date fixed.
11. **List on 23.09.2021.**

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B. Amit Sthalekar, JM

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Saibal Dasgupta, EM

July 14, 2021
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