

Item No. 01

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

Original Application No. 78/2016 (EZ)

Dhruba Das Gupta & Ors.

Applicant(s)

Versus

Ministry of Environment Forest &
Climate Change & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 05.06.2020

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S. P. WANGDI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. NAGIN NANDA, EXPERT MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. SIDDHANTA DAS, EXPERT MEMBER**

For Applicant (s): Mr. Santanu Chakraborty, Advocate

For Respondent(s): Mr. Sibojyoty Chakraborty, Advocate for
KMC.
Mr. Dipanjan Ghosh, Advocate for WPPCB.
Ms. Paushali Banerjee, Advocate for KMDA
Mr. Gorachand Roy Choudhury, Advocate for
MoEF&CC
Mr. Bikar Kargupta, Advocate for
Respondents No. 3-5, 9 and Police.

ORDER

1. Case taken up by video conference on *Vidyo App*.
2. This case relates to encroachment of the East Kolkata Wetlands and operation of illegal industries within the area without the necessary statutory clearances.
3. The case was first taken up on 19.05.2016 and since then various directions have been passed for removal of illegal

plastic manufacturing units and action against other bigger units which have been operating illegally without obtaining the statutory clearances from the concerned authorities. Amongst others, we may refer to the orders dated 08.12.2016, 19.01.2017, 22.02.2017, 18.05.2017, 05.07.2017, 03.08.2017, 20.09.2017, 28.11.2017 and 15.01.2018. We are not aware as to whether the specific directions issued *vide* the order dated 15.01.2018 have been complied with by the authorities against whom such directions were issued.

4. We, therefore, direct the respondents, the State Pollution Control Board, the Directorate of Industries, Government of West Bengal, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation and the Deputy Commissioner, South East Division, Kolkata Police. Even if any report has been filed, an updated report be submitted within a period of 30 days from hence with advance copies on the other side.

5. List on 14.07.2020.

S.P. Wangdi, JM

Dr. Nagin Nanda, EM

Siddhanta Das, EM

5th June, 2020
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