

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL  
EASTERN ZONE BENCH, KOLKATA  
(THROUGH PHYSICAL HEARING WITH HYBRID MODE)**

Original Application No.211/2024/EZ

Dr. Srikanta Samanta

Applicant(s)

Versus

State of West Bengal

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 13.11.2024

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B. AMIT STHALEKAR, JUDICIAL MEMBER  
HON'BLE DR. ARUN KUMAR VERMA, EXPERT MEMBER**

For Applicant(s) : Prof. Pulak Chakraborty, in person

**ORDER**

1. Heard Prof. Pulak Chakraborty, representing the Applicant Dr. Srikanta Samanta appearing before the Tribunal.
2. This Original Application has been registered on the basis of a letter petition dated 28.08.2024 received in the office of the Tribunal and sent by Dr. Srikanta Samanta, the Principal, Nabagram Hiralal Paul College, Konnagar, Hooghly – 712246, West Bengal alleging therein that there is a dumping ground located near the southern boundary wall of the College which is posing a serious environmental problem by way of health risk, aesthetic degradation having adverse environmental impact. It is alleged that the accumulation of wastes is leading to foul odour and is attracting pests contributing to health hazards for students, staff of the College as well as local residents; the open dumping of wastes is causing environmental degradation including soil and water contamination and the unsightly appearance of the dumping ground is adversely affecting the visual appearance of the College and its surrounding areas. It is stated that several complaints have been made in the past to the local authority but no action has been taken.

3. Matter requires consideration.
4. We direct the following may be impleaded in the array of Respondents: -
  - i) Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal;
  - ii) District Magistrate/Collector, Hooghly, West Bengal;
  - iii) West Bengal Pollution Control Board through its Member Secretary; and
  - iv) Central Pollution Control Board through its Member Secretary
5. Issue notice to the Respondents, returnable within four weeks.
6. Mr. Sibojyoti Chakravarti, learned Counsel who is present in (Virtual Mode), accepts notice on behalf of the Respondent No.1 and 2, State Respondents, Government of West Bengal.
7. Mr. Dipanjan Ghosh, learned Counsel who is present in (Virtual Mode), accepts notice on behalf of the Respondent No.3, West Bengal Pollution Control Board.
8. Mr. Surendra Kumar, learned Counsel who is present in (Virtual Mode), accepts notice on behalf of the Respondent No.4, Central Pollution Control Board.
9. All the Respondents shall file their counter-affidavits within four weeks.
10. Considering the allegations made, we deem it appropriate to constitute a Committee comprising of the following Members:-
  - (i) Collector & District Magistrate, Hooghly, or his representative not below the rank of Additional District Magistrate;
  - (ii) Senior Scientist, West Bengal State Pollution Control Board; and
  - (iii) Senior Scientist, Central Pollution Control Board

11. The Committee shall inspect the site in question and thereafter submit its Fact Finding Report within four weeks on affidavit with regard to the allegations made in the letter petition and suggest the remedial action required.
12. The District Magistrate, Hooghly shall be the Nodal Office for all logistic purposes. The Report of the joint Fact Finding Committee shall be submitted by the West Bengal Pollution Control Board on affidavit.
13. The Registry shall serve e-copy/soft copy of the Original Application along with all its annexures as well as the letter petition upon Mr. Sibojyoti Chakravarti, Mr. Dipanjan Ghosh and Mr. Surendra Kumar, Counsel for the Respondents within 48 hours.
14. **List on 16.12.2024.**

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**B. Amit Sthalekar, JM**

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**Dr. Arun Kumar Verma, EM**

November 13 2024,  
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