

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

Original Application No.150/2022/EZ

PI Vanramchhuangi Applicant(s)
Union of India & Ors. Versus Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 09.04.2024

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

For Applicant(s) : Mr. Gaurav Kumar Bansal, Advocate (in Virtual Mode)

For Respondent(s) : Ms. Anamika Pandey, Advocate for R-1 (in Virtual Mode),
Mr. Anando Mukherjee, Advocate for R-2 to 5 (in Virtual Mode)

ORDER

1. Ms. Anamika Pandey, learned Counsel appearing (in Virtual Mode) on behalf of the Respondent No.1 referring to Annexure-B, page no.396 of the paper book, states that six stone quarry operators have been identified carrying on illegal stone quarrying against whom RF (Criminal Complaint No.37 of 2022) has been lodged and criminal proceedings have been initiated in the Court of competent jurisdiction and the matter is still pending.
2. Learned Counsel submits that a Joint Inspection needs to be carried out to determine the quantum of illegal stone mined for purposes of determination of environmental compensation.
3. We, therefore, constitute a Committee comprising of the following members:-
 - i) Senior Scientist, Mizoram State Pollution Control Board;
 - ii) District Magistrate, Lunglei, or his representative not below the rank of the Additional District Magistrate; and

iii) Senior Scientist, Integrated Regional Office, Shillong of
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.

4. The Committee shall visit the site in question and submit its report on affidavit within one month.
5. The District Magistrate, Lunglei, shall be the Nodal Office for all logistic purposes and for filing the Report of the Committee on affidavit.
6. Mr. Anando Mukherjee, learned Counsel appearing (in Virtual Mode) on behalf of the Respondent Nos.2 to 5, wants to file a fresh action taken report.
7. Let the same be filed on affidavit by the next date of listing.
8. The Counsel for the parties shall exchange the copies of their affidavits among themselves before the next date of listing.
9. **List on 22.05.2024.**

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B. Amit Sthalekar, JM

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Dr. Arun Kumar Verma, EM

April 09, 2024,
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