

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

Original Application No. 135/2023/EZ

Mousri Jana

Applicant(s)

Versus

State of West Bengal & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 05.01.2024

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

For Applicant(s) : Mr. Tanuta Guray, Advocate (in Virtual Mode) a/w
Mr. Soumya Dasgupta, Advocate (in Virtual Mode)

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Rajib Ray, Adv. for R-1,4,5,7,9&10, (in Virtual Mode)
Mr. Dipanjan Ghosh, Advocate for R-2&3,

ORDER

1. Mr. Tanuta Guray, learned Counsel alongwith Mr. Soumya Dasgupta, learned Counsel are present (in Virtual Mode) for the Applicant.
2. Committee Report on affidavit dated 02.01.2024 has been filed by the West Bengal Pollution Control Board; the same is taken on record.
3. Compliance Report on affidavit dated 04.01.2024 has been filed by the District Magistrate, South 24 Parganas; the same is taken on record.
4. In the compliance affidavit of the State Respondents dated 04.01.2024, it has been stated that the show cause notices have been issued to the land holders to explain why land has been converted from 'Pukur' to 'non-Pukur' without initiating the proceedings under the provisions of Section 4C(5) of the West Bengal Land Reforms Act, 1955. One of the replies filed by the Block Land & Land Reforms Officer, Canning-I, South 24 Parganas

dated 29.12.2023 only states that the reply to the show cause notice given by one Pallab Sardar is not satisfactory. This is a non-speaking order and a complete waste of judicial time by the Block Land & Land Reforms Officer.

5. We, therefore, direct the District Magistrate, South 24 Parganas, to personally examine each of the replies submitted by the land holders to whom the show cause notices were issued and take appropriate action as per law and file affidavit of compliance within four weeks.
6. **List on 06.02.2024.**

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B. Amit Sthalekar, JM

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Dr. Arun Kumar Verma, EM

January 05, 2024,
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