

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

Original Application No. 86/2024

In Re: News item titled "**Fire Tragedy in Maha glove factory claims 6 lives**" appearing in Millennium dated 01.01.2024

Date of hearing: 30.01.2024

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

ORDER

1. This Original Application under Section 14 and 15 of National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 (hereinafter referred to as '**NGT Act, 2010**') has been registered *suo-moto* on a newspaper report published in Millennium dated 01.01.2024 with title "**Fire Tragedy in Maha glove factory claims 6 lives**".

2. Report says that in a fire incident in a hand glove manufacturing unit in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar District of State of Maharashtra, six persons died. The fire broke out in Sunshine factory which produces cotton and leather gloves. State Government has declared an *ex gratia* payment of solatium of Rs. 5 lakhs to families of deceased but there is nothing to show in the report that any compensation has been paid by the concerned Proponent.

3. In our view, before proceeding further in the matter, it would be appropriate to obtain a factual report for which we constitute a joint Committee comprising Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board, Collector, District Sambhajnagar and Director, Industrial Safety, Maharashtra. Collector, District Sambhajnagar shall be the nodal agency for coordination and compliance.

4. The said Committee shall visit the site, collect relevant information and submit factual report before Registrar, Western Zone Bench, Pune within one month by e-mail preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF.

5. Since, matter relates to Western Zone Bench of Tribunal, let record be transmitted to Western Zone Bench, Pune for further proceedings.

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

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