BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

Original Application No. 216 of 2016

Rajiv Dutta, Senior Adv. Vs. Union of India & Ors.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SWATANTER KUMAR, CHAIRPERSON

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. NAMBIAR, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE DR. D.K. AGRAWAL, EXPERT MEMBER

HON'BLE PROF. A.R. YOUSUF, EXPERT MEMBER HON'BLE MR. BIKRAM SINGH SAJWAN, EXPERT MEMBER

Present: Applicant: Mr. Rajiv Dutta, Sr. Adv. in person along Mr.

Daniel Georege and Mr. Aditya N. Prasad, Advs.

Respondents: Mr. Rajkumar, Adv.

Date and Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
Upon	Heard the Learned counsel appearing for the
mentioning	Amulicant
May 04,	Applicant.
2016	Issue notice to the Respondents.
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11	Learned counsel appearing for the respective
	Respondents accept Notice and pray for time to seek
3	instructions. It is undisputable that the wild forest fire in
E	the State of Himachal Pradesh and State of Uttarakhand
119	are matter of serious concern and there appears to be
1/8	some slackness on the part of the concerned Authorities
100	as the fire is stated to be spreading by the day. Such huge
-30	forest loss resulting from forest fire would not only do
	ecological damage but cause of serious environmental
	issues as well. Burning forest generates CO2, black
	Carbon and other pollutants which would not only cause
	serious air pollution but would also affect the glaciers and
	the climate adding serious emissions.
	In view of the above, we direct all the Respondents
	to take specific instructions from their respective clients
	as to:

- i) What action has been taken by the respective State Government, particularly the Forest Department on the fire alerts received by them from the Forest Survey of India and they will place on record the alerts received by them for last two months.
- State ii) Whether the Government and other concerned Authorities or Institute have made mapping of the forest areas which are critical as far as forest fire is concerned. If such mapping of vulnerable areas was brought before the Authorities concerned, what action was taken by them. Departments would clearly state before the Tribunal as to what steps were taken for fire line cutting as preventive measures, amongst such other preventive measures that they have taken.
- Governments particularly Forest Department after the current forest fire have been noticed to prevent their aggravation and adverse impacts on environment and ecology.
- to whether the Madhya Pradesh Forest Fire Management Policy has been adopted and implemented by both these States or not. We may notice that before the Tribunal it was stated on behalf of the concerned State Governments that the Madhya Pradesh Model was ideal to be adopted and action taken in terms thereof.

Let all the concerned Authorities take clear instructions on these aspects.

		List this matter for directions on 10 th May, 2016.
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		,EM (Dr. D. K. Agrawal)
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