

Original Application No. 16/2013 (CZ)

Tribunal at its own motion v. Ministry of Environment and Others

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DALIP SINGH, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. P.S.RAO, EXPERT MEMBER**

PRESENT : Respondent No.1: Shri Om S. Shrivastava, Adv.
Respondent Nos. 2,3,4& 6 : Shri Sachin K. Verma, Adv.
Respondent No.5 : Shri Shivendu Joshi, Adv.
for Shri Purushaindra Kaurav, Adv
Intervener : Shri Naman Nagrath, Sr. Adv. with
Shri Qasim Ali, Adv.

Date and Remarks	Order of the Tribunal
Item No. 5 13th February, 2014	<p>Shri Om S. Shrivastav, Learned Counsel as well as Shri Sachin K. Verma, Learned Counsel seek further time for filing the report.</p> <p>The matter has been pending before us for a long period and since the issue was taken up by the Tribunal based on the media report, we may feel just and proper to direct the State Wildlife Authorities to submit their affidavit on the issues raised therein. Shri Om S. Shrivastav appearing for the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) submits that necessary report based on their study will be filed once it is ready which is under process in collaboration with Wildlife Institute of India. Shri Sachin K. Verma, Learned Counsel had submitted on the previous date i.e on 24.01.2014 that the affidavit is under preparation by the State Wildlife Authorities and has sought time on the ground that they are awaiting certain information from the NTCA.</p> <p>The fact that the area in question has mineral deposits of low silica dolomite which is essential for the steel industry has already been highlighted and renewal applications of mining leases of 13 Respondents are pending as a result of the present petition.</p> <p>Due to the above fact there is urgency in the matter. Therefore the Wildlife Authorities, State of Madhya Pradesh and NTCA are directed to</p>

file an affidavit along with the report before the next date of hearing. A copy of the same shall be furnished to the mining lease holders prior to the next date of hearing.

Put up on **14.03.2014**.

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