

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

**Original Application No. 87 of 2015  
(M.A. No. 262 of 2015 & M.A. No. 528 of 2015)**

**Social Action for Forest & Environment (SAFE)  
Vs.  
Union of India & Ors.**

**CORAM :** HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE U.D. SALVI, JUDICIAL MEMBER  
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. RANJAN CHATTERJEE, EXPERT MEMBER

**Present:**      **Applicant:**                      Mr. Ritwick Dutta, Mr. Rahul Choudhary and  
   Ms. Pallavi Talware, Advs.  
   Mr. Akhil Sibal, Mr. Aditya Garg and Mr. Jiten  
   Mehra, Advs. in IAPRO, Applicant in M.A. No.  
   28/2015  
   **Respondent No. 1:**                      Mr. Vishwendra Verma, Adv.  
   **Respondent No. 2:**                      Mr. Ardhenumauli Kumar Prasad, Adv.  
   **Respondent Nos. 3to5:**                      Mr. Rahul Verma, AAG for State of Uttarakhand

	<b>Date and Remarks</b>	<b>Orders of the Tribunal</b>
	<b>Item No. 17  July 27, 2015</b>	<p>In this Application several reliefs have been sought by the Applicant against the Camping activity along the banks of River Ganga from Shivpuri to Rishikesh and for restoration of the area which has suffered substantial damage on account of such camping activity. None have filed reply to the main application. However, the record reveals that there is a statement made by the Learned Counsel appearing for Uttarakhand that they would not grant any permission for rafting to camp operators on the River bank till the next date of hearing, vide order dated 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015. On this background an Application has been moved by Indian Association of Rafting Outfitters for modification of the order dated 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015.</p> <p><b><u>M.A. No. 528 of 2015.</u></b></p> <p>In the M.A. No. 528 of 2015, Applicant is seeking modification of the order dated 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015. The Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of Applicant in M.A.</p>

No. 528 of 2015 submits that activities of the members of the associations are described at para 7 of the Application. According to him this cannot be treated as non-forest activity as envisaged in Forest Conservation act, and as such modification of the order 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015 allowing operation of the rafting camps on River Ganga is warranted. He further submits that reply of the Applicant to this application has been received and short time is required to file Rejoinder. He undertakes to file Rejoinder with advance copy to the Applicant and other parties within three days.

List this case for hearing on 07<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.

In the meanwhile the Respondents may file their replies to the main application with advance copy to the Applicant, who may file Rejoinder, if any, thereto. The MoEF shall take a clear stand as to the nature of the activities undertaken by the rafting camps.

List this case on 07<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.

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