

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

Original Application No. 125/2018

(Earlier O.A. No. 163/2017 (WZ)
(I.A. No.209/2019, M.A. No.99/2019,
M.A. No.103/2019, M.A. No.637/2019,
M.A. No.638/2019& I.A. No. 96/2020)

(With report dated 15.02.2020)

Arvind Pundalik Mhatre

Applicant(s)

Versus

Ministry of Environment and Forest &
Climate Change & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 17.02.2020

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADARSH KUMAR GOEL, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.P WANGDI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. NAGIN NANDA, EXPERT MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. SIDDHANTA DAS, EXPERT MEMBER**

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ORDER

1. This order is being passed in continuation of order dated 04.11.2019. The matter pertains to remedial action against pollution caused by the discharge of industrial effluents in Taloja industrial area on the outskirts of Mumbai. After considering the developments on the issue of upgradation and improvement in functioning of CETP, this Tribunal observed:

“6. In view of the above, let further remedial steps be taken in accordance with law and a status report as on 31.12.2019 filed by 15.01.2020 by e-mail at judicial-ngt@gov.in.

7. *We have also perused the report of the Committee constituted by this Tribunal indicating steps taken in the matter. Let the Committee continue to monitor the situation and give its further report before the next date. Apart from compliance of Phase – II, the timeline for Phase – I and III may be appropriately preponed by the Committee after due consideration of the matter.”*

2. Accordingly, a status report has been filed by the MIDC on 11.01.2020 about further steps taken in the matter, followed by a further affidavit filed on 15.02.2020. Maharashtra State PCB has also filed its report on 14.02.2020. The applicant has filed I.A. No. 96/2020 mentioning that pollution is still continuing. This stand is opposed by the MIDC in its reply filed on 15.02.2020.

3. The State PCB and the CPCB may continue the monitoring and give its report by 30.04.2020 and Justice V.M. Kanade Committee may also give its final report by 30.04.2020 by email at judicial-ngt@gov.in The grievance of applicant may be first considered by the Committee constituted by the Tribunal. The term of the Committee will stand extended till April 30, 2020.

List for further consideration after disposal of the *Civil Appeal No. 8229-8231/2019, the Tanoja Manufacture Association v. the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change & Ors.*

Adarsh Kumar Goel, CP

S.P Wangdi, JM

Dr.Nagin Nanda, EM

Siddhanta Das, EM

February 17, 2020
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