Item No.7, 8 & 9 (Pune Bench)

BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL WESTERN ZONE BENCH, PUNE

[Through Physical Hearing (with Hybrid Option)]

ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO.106 OF 2022 (WZ)

Vanashakti & Anr. ... Applicants

Versus

Union of India, through the Secretary, MoEF&CC & Ors.

... Respondents

AND

ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO.09 OF 2023 (WZ)

The Goa Foundation & Anr. ... Applicants

Versus

MoEF&CC & Anr. ... Respondents

AND

ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO.10 OF 2023 (WZ)

Federation of Rainbow Warriors & Anr. ... Applicants

Versus

Union of India & Ors. ... Respondents

Date of Hearing: 16.10.2024

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DINESH KUMAR SINGH, JUDICIAL MEMBER HON'BLE DR. VIJAY KULKARNI, EXPERT MEMBER

Applicants : Mr. Zaman Ali and Mr. Akash Rebello, Advocates in

O.A. No.106/2022

Ms. Norma Alvares, Senior Advocate i/b Mr. Om Anthony

D'Costa, Advocate in O.A. No.09/2023

Ms. Gayatri Singh, Senior Advocate i/b Ms. Ronita Bhattacharya, Advocate in O.A. No.10/2023

Respondents : Mr. Rahul Garg, Advocate for R-1 in all three O.As.

Ms. Manasi Joshi, Advocate along with Ms. Pooja Natu,

Advocate for R-2 and R-3 in O.A. No.106/2022

Ms. Supriya Dangare, Advocate for R-2 in O.A.Nos.09/2023

and 10/2023

ORDER

1. As per our previous order dated 11.09.2024, we had expressed our

opinion in paragraph No.10 of the said order that it would be better that a

larger Bench is constituted for which a prayer is required to be made before

the Principal Bench of this Tribunal by the applicant in I.A. No.165/2024 in

O.A.No.106/2022 i.e. MoEF&CC, for which we had granted two weeks' time

to the applicant/MoEF&CC.

2. Today, it is submitted by Mr. Rahul Garg, learned counsel

representing respondent No.1-MoEF&CC that an application (I.A.) has been

preferred before the Principal Bench of this Tribunal, seeking constitution of

a Special Bench for deciding the issue involved in these O.As. and that is

likely to be taken up for hearing at 2.30 p.m. today.

3. Since we were of the view that it would be appropriate that a larger

Bench is constituted for hearing these O.As., we direct the learned Registrar

of this Tribunal to send a letter to the Principal Bench, requesting for

constitution of a larger Bench for deciding the issue involved in these O.As.

4. The Registry is directed to place these matters (O.As.) on 11.11.2024.

In case, by then, no order for constitution of a larger/special Bench is

received by us, then we will hear these matters.

5. We also direct learned counsel for respondent No.1/MoEF&CC to serve

a copy of the application (I.A.), which has been moved before the Principal

Bench of this Tribunal, seeking constitution of a Special Bench, upon all

other parties of these O.As.

Dinesh Kumar Singh, JM

Dr. Vijay Kulkarni, EM

October 16, 2024

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