

Item No.02

Court No.1

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL  
EASTERN ZONE BENCH, KOLKATA  
(THROUGH PHYSICAL HEARING WITH HYBRID MODE)**

Original Application No.180/2025/EZ  
I.A. No. 107/2025/EZ

Urbashi Jena

Applicant

Versus

State of Odisha & Ors.

Respondents

Date of hearing: 18.11.2025

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, JUDICIAL MEMBER  
HON'BLE MR. ISHWAR SINGH, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant: Mr. Sankar Prasad Pani and Mr. Ashutosh Padhy, Advocates for the applicant (through VC).

Respondents: Mr. Prabhu Prasanna Behera, ASC for respondents no.1 to 8 (through VC).

None for respondents no.9.

Ms. Papiya Banerjee Bihani, Advocate for respondents no.10 and 11 (through VC).

Mr. Apurba Ghosh, Advocate for respondent no.12 (through VC).

Mr. Ashok Prasad, Advocate for respondents no.13 and 14 (through VC).

Mr. Surendra Kumar, Advocate for respondent no.15 (through VC).

Mr. Subir Kumar Palit, Senior Advocate and Ms. Ananya Pradhan, Advocate for respondent no. 16 (through VC).

**ORDER**

1. Affidavit dated 14.11.2025 has been filed by respondent no.14 and affidavit dated 17.11.2025 has been filed by respondent no.12

2. Vide order dated 25.09.2025, the Joint Committee constituted by this Tribunal was directed to submit its report within one month.

3. However, the report of the Joint Committee has not been submitted till date. No request for extension of time has been made on behalf of the Joint Committee.

4. Default in submission of the report of the Joint Committee has caused inconvenience and unnecessary delay in disposal of the case and also resulted in unnecessary adjournment. In the facts and circumstances of the case, we are constrained to impose costs of Rs. 10,000/- on the Collector and District Magistrate, Jajpur, Odisha who is the nodal officer for co-ordination and compliance. Costs shall be deposited by the Collector and District Magistrate, Jajpur, Odisha within 15 days with Ld. Registrar of Eastern Zonal Bench of this Tribunal.

5. Report of the Joint Committee may be filed within four weeks. In case of failure to do so, the Collector and District Magistrate, Jajpur, Odisha shall appear before this Tribunal physically to explain the reasons for non-compliance.

6. I.A. No. 107/2025/EZ has been filed by Rakesh Kumar Jena and Ranajeet Keshari Jena for their impleadment as co-petitioners.

7. The respondents are given opportunity to file reply to above mentioned I.A. but no replies are to be filed. Learned counsels for the respondents have no objection if above mentioned I.A. is allowed.

8. In view of reasons mentioned and no objection, I.A. No. 107/2025/EZ is allowed and applicants- Rakesh Kumar Jena and Ranajeet Keshari Jena are impleaded as co-applicants subject to the condition that the above said co-applicants will not be entitled to file any separate pleadings.

9. Learned counsels for respondents no. 1 to 11, 13, 15 and 16 seek six weeks' time for filing of their responses.

10. Responses by respondents no. 1 to 11, 13, 15 and 16 may be filed within six weeks positively.

11. List on 16.01.2026 for further hearing.

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Ishwar Singh, EM

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
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