

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL  
EASTERN ZONE BENCH, KOLKATA**

O.A. No. 172/2016/EZ  
WITH  
M.A. NO. 01/2017/EZ  
M.A. 124/2017/EZ

SAJAY LALOO

VS

**STATE OF MEGHALAYA & ORS**

CORAM: **Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P.Wangdi, Judicial Member**

**PRESENT:**

<b>Applicant</b>	: None
<b>Respondents No. 1 &amp; 4</b>	: Dr. B.P.Todi, Advocate General, Meghalaya Ms. Pooja Agarwal, Advocate
<b>Respondents No. 2,3 &amp; 5</b>	: Mr. Ankit Todi, Advocate
<b>Respondent No. 7</b>	: Mr. L.D.Chowdhury, Advocate
<b>Respondent No. 10</b>	: Mr. Surender Kumar, Advocate
<b>Other Respondents</b>	: None

Date & Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
<b>Item No. 2</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.</b>	<p style="text-align: center;">Affidavit filed on behalf of the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Meghalaya, the Respondent No. 1, by Dr. B.P.Todi, Ld. Advocate General, State of Meghalaya in compliance with the orders dated 14.9.17, 26.10.17 and 27.11.17, is ordered to be taken on record.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In the Report various steps taken by the Jowai Municipal Board have been pointed out one of which is the setting up of common ETPs and STPs. In this regard it is stated that letter calling for expression of interest has been floated for engagement of a suitable and qualified consultant for preparation of the DPR.</p>

While we appreciate the steps taken, the process ought to be expedited considering the critical nature of the infrastructure.

Regarding other aspects it has been indicated amongst others that the Municipal Board has issued notices to all households within its jurisdiction to set up septic tanks and soak pits the toilets. Although this indicates that efforts are being made by the Jowai Municipal Board, septic tanks and soak pits are now obsolete technique and expensive for the common households. The most suitable method would be to establish common sewerage network led to a common STP. The Jowai Municipal Board and the Urban Development Deptt, Govt. of Meghalaya, shall consider adopting this method taking into consideration the topography of the region. Towards this direction, the need to consult experts is incumbent. This would also be applicable to the city of Shillong and other Municipal areas. Ideally the State Govt. should prepare a long term action plan for the purpose to be undertaken in a phased manner.

Report in this regard shall be filed on the next date.

**List on 27.2.2018.**

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Justice S.P.Wangdi, JM

19-1-2018

