

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

Original Application No. 132/2016/EZ

**Abdullah Sardar @ Sardar Abdullah Al Mahamud
Vs
Divisional Forest Officer & Ors.**

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P.Wangdi, Judicial Member
Hon'ble (Dr.) Nagin Nanda, Expert Member

PRESENT:

Applicant	: Ms. Debanjana Ray Chaudhury, Advocate
Respondent No. 1,2& 3-6	: Mr. Bikas Kargupta, Advocate
Respondent No.3	: Mr. Sibojyoti Chakraborty, Advocate
Respondent No.7	: Mr. Binod Kumar Gupta, Advocate
	: MS. Aishwarya Rajyashree, Advocate
Respondent No.8	: Mr. Gora Chand Roy Chowdhury, Advocate
	: Mrs. S. Roy, Advocate

Date & Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
<p>Item No. 2 16th April, 2018.</p>	<p>By order dated 24.01.2018 the Applicant was required to file reply to the affidavit filed on behalf of the Respondent No.9, Sundarban Development Board, in which the status as regards the plantation work of mangrove in the area in question has been set out.</p> <p>Today is the 16th April, 2018 and thus far, no such reply has been filed. We are disappointed to note the laxity on the part of the Applicant.</p> <p>The issue raised in the present application is of serious in nature as it involves the threat being caused to the highly eco-sensitive Sundarbans, caused by the</p>

illegal bandhs and fisheries setup by unauthorised persons which is deleterious to the very existence of the Sundarbans.

Mr. Bikas Kargupta, Ld. Govt. Counsel, State of West Bengal, submits that necessary steps are being taken for mitigation of the situation.

Let the State Respondents file status report on the removal of illegal bandhs and fisheries as well as on the plantation of the mangroves in the area in question.

We also direct the Applicant to place before us similar status reports in order to enable the Tribunal to pursue with the matter and to arrive at its logical end.

Let the reports be filed before the next date with advance copies on the other side.

List on 03.07.2018.

Justice S. P. Wangdi, JM
16-04-2018

(Dr.) Nagin Nanda, EM
16-04-2018