BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, WESTERN ZONE BENCH, PUNE

Application No. 91/2015 (WZ)

In the matter of :-

Mukta Sathe & Ors. Vrs. Ministry of Railways, Govt. of India & Ors.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE U.D. SALVI, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE DR. AJAY A. DESHPANDE, EXPERT MEMBER

Present: Applicant/Appellant Mr. Asim Sarode & Associates, Adv.

Respondent No.1 to 3&5 : Mr. Avinash Borrankar, Adv. .

Respondent No.4 : Manda Gaikwad. Adv. Respondent-MPCB : Mr.S.S. Sanyal, Adv. a/w.

	Mrs. Supriya Dangare, Adv.
Date and Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
	The present Application has been moved seeking directions to the Respondent No.1-Ministry of Railway, Respondent No.2-Railway Board, and Respondent No.3-Environment Directorate of Indian Railway to equip the Railway coaches with eco-friendly bio-toilets. Utility of bio-toilets in protecting the environment is not in dispute. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the Respondent Nos.1 to 3 and 5 submits that at present there are 55,000 (fifty five thousands) coaches in service which require 2,20,000 bio-toilets; and 54,188 bio-toilets out of them have already been fitted in coaches by the end of the year 2016; and taking into consideration the balance coaches, resources available with the Indian Railways, it will be possible to install bio-toilets in all the coaches by 2021-22 vide reply to the rejoinder dated 17th January 2017 (page 109 to 113 Vol-I).
	This Application can be finally disposed of with appropriate directions, if the Respondent Nos.1 to 3 and 5 place before us an year-

wise programme spelling out number of coaches to be equipped with bio-toilets and the constraints, if any, on accelerating this process further so as to shorten the period of equipping all the Railway

