

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

O.A. NO. 01/2018/EZ

**Palwal Jithender Reddy
Vs.
Union of India and Ors.**

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

PRESENT: Applicant : Mrs. Paushali Banerjee, Advocate
Respondents : None.

Date & Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
Item No. 3 08 th January, 2018.	<p>The case of the Applicant in short is that the Respondent No. 4 is operating a cluster of coal mines in Lodna area of Joyrampur Colliery near Dhanbad in the State of Jharkhand without any environmental clearance. It is stated that six mining units had originally been environmentally cleared for underground mining by the MoEF by granting EC vide their letter dated 21.05.2013 to the Respondent No. 3, but at present Respondent No.4 to whom it had been allotted, is now operating those as open cast mining.</p> <p>This, as per the Applicant, is in violation of the EC dated 21.05.2013 as the EIA upon which it had been granted was for the purpose of underground mining</p>

and any deviation from this would require fresh EIA and EC and more so for being converted to open cast mining.

On consideration of the facts and circumstances stated in the Original Application and upon hearing Id. counsel for the Applicant, we are satisfied that substantial question relating to environment is involved in the present case that requires determination.

Issue notice returnable in two weeks.

Let requisites be filed within one week from hence.

The prayer for interim order shall be considered after the respondents file their returns.

List on 12.02.2018.

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Justice S.P.Wangdi, JM

08-01-2018

