

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

Original Application No.170/2024/EZ
(Earlier O.A. No.919/2024/PB)

News Item titled "Barricade illegal
sand mining pose threat to WGH riverbank"
appearing in The Shillong Times dated
29.06.2024

Applicant(s)

Date of hearing: 30.01.2025

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B. AMIT STHALEKAR, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. ARUN KUMAR VERMA, EXPERT MEMBER**

For Applicant(s) : *Suo Motu*

For Respondent(s): Mr. Surendra Kumar, Advocate for R-1,
Ms. K. Enatoli Sema, Advocate for R-3 (in Virtual Mode),
Mr. Avijit Mani Tripathi, Adv. for R-4 & 5(in Virtual Mode)

ORDER

1. Compliance affidavit dated 28.01.2025 has been filed on behalf of the Respondent No.2, Meghalaya Pollution Control Board; the same is taken on record.
2. Reply affidavit dated 28.01.2025 has been filed on behalf of the Respondent No.5, PWD, Shillong, Meghalaya; the same is taken on record.
3. Affidavit dated 29.01.2025 has been filed on behalf of the Respondent No.3, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change; the same is taken on record.
4. We direct the Deputy Commissioner, West Garo Hills, Respondent No.4, and the Divisional Forest Officer, West & South West Garo Hills (T) Division, Tura, to file fresh affidavit within two weeks showing what action has been taken on the second report of the

Inspection Committee as well as the affidavit of the Deputy
Commissioner, West Garo Hills.

5. **List on 07.03.2025.**

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B. Amit Sthalekar, JM

January 30, 2025,
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Dr. Arun Kumar Verma, EM