

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL  
SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI**

**Application Nos. 06 and 12 of 2013 (SZ)**

Applicant(s) Respondent(s)  
Leo. F. Saldhana, Vajrahalli, Bangalore Vs. The Union of India and others


Party-in-person Legal Practitioners for Respondents  
Shri V. C. Ramachandramurthy, Advocate  
For R-1, R-10, R-11 and R-12  
Shri M.K. Subramanian, Abdul Saleem  
and M.R. Gokul Krishnan, Advocates  
Advocates for R-3 and R-5  
Shri T.K. Bhaskar, Advocate for R-4  
M/s. S. Siva Sangarane and R. Kanchana  
Advocates for R-14

**Application No. 12 of 2013 (SZ):**

Applicant(s) Respondent(s)  
Environment Support Group, Vs. The Union of India  
Bangalore and other

Legal Practitioners for Applicant(s) Legal Practitioners for Respondents  
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A. Yogeswaran R-1 and R-11  
M/s. M.K. Subramaian, Abdul Saleem  
M.R. Gokul Krishnan, Advocates for R-4 and R-6  
Shri T.K. Bhaskar, Advocate for R-5  
Shri Uttamcheriyan, Advocate for R-15  
Shri S.N. Aswatha Narayan, Advocate for R-18

Note of the Registry	Orders of the Tribunal
Order No. 8	<p>Date : 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013</p> <p>The 1<sup>st</sup> respondent, the Union of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi, was present on 19.2.2013 in Application No. 06 of 2013 (SZ) and on 01.03.2013 in Application No. 12 of 2013 (SZ). Despite the appearance of the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent on the said dates, even after a lapse of 6 months and after having granted a number of adjournments by this Tribunal for filing reply, the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent has not filed the reply yet. This would be indicative</p>

	<p>of the carelessness on the part of the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent in filing reply.</p> <p>After looking into the averments made, in the considered opinion of the Tribunal, the reply by the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent is a must to take an effective decision in the matter. Hence, as a last chance, the matter is posted to 30.10.2013 for filing reply and if no reply is filed on or before that date, the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent has to pay a cost of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh) only in each case. A responsible officer of the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent, not below the rank of Director, shall be present before the Tribunal on the said date of hearing.</p> <p>The report submitted by the Expert Committee is perused. In view of the voluminous task undertaken by the Experts, the Tribunal is of the considered opinion that an additional remuneration has to be given to the Experts. The Tribunal heard the counsel appearing for the for the applicant in application No. 6 of 2013 (SZ) and the counsel appearing for the applicant in application No. 12 of 2013 (SZ) and also the counsel of all respondents in both the applications. An additional remuneration of Rs.1,05,000/- (Rupees one lakh and five thousand) only, which is very reasonable in the opinion of the Tribunal, is to be paid to the each Expert, payable before the next date of hearing by way of Demand Draft/Cheque drawn in favour of <b>Deputy Registrar, National Green Tribunal, Southern Zone, Chennai.</b> The above additional</p>
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	<p>remuneration for the two Expert Members is to be equally divided among the respondent Nos. Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16 in application No. 6 of 2013 (SZ) and the respondent No. 18 in application No. 12 of 2013 (SZ).</p> <p>Prof. Dr. R. Nagendran      Justice M. Chockalingam (Expert Member)                      (Judicial Member)</p>
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