## BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

## Original Application No. 272/2013

Vikas Vs. DMRC & Ors.

HON'BLE Mr. JUSTICE M.S. NAMBIAR, JUDICIAL MEMBER CORAM:

HON'BLE PROF. DR. P. C. MISHRA EXPERT MEMBER HON'BLE PROF. A. R. YOUSUF, EXPERT MEMBER

HON'BLE MR. RANJAN CHATTERJEE, EXPERT MEMBER

Applicant / Appellant : Mr. Dipesh Choudhary, Adv. Respondents No. 1 : Mr. Shiv Kumar, Adv. and Mr. Sanjay

Respondent No. 2
Respondent No. 3

Kumar, Advocate

: Mr. Vivek Kumar Tandon, Adv.
: Mr. Vikas Malhotra, Adv.

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| Date<br>Remarks | and    | Orders of the Tribunal   |
| Item No. 4      |        | As directed by order dated 05.12.2013, Respondent No. 2 has filed  |
| December        | 11 ,   | an affidavit showing the details of the amount deposited as well as  |
| 2013            |        | progress for plantation of trees in lieu of trees to be cut. The Affidavit   |
|                 | 41     | shows that permission was granted to the Project Proponent (DMRC) to   |
|                 | 11,    | fell 491 trees and transplant 7 trees on condition to plant 4980 trees as  |
| V               | 1 2    | against the trees to be cut and the DMRC has already deposited Rs.   |
| W               | 1      | 1,61,05,320/- with the Department of Forest in compliance of the   |
| 20              | //     | permission granted. The affidavit is also disclosing that the Department   |
|                 |        | of Forest and Wildlife identified the land for carrying out the plantation.  |
|                 |        | The permission granted by the Deputy Conservator of Forest/Tree Officer  |
|                 | 0      | dated 20.06.2013 shows that the compensatory plantation of 10 times the  |
|                 |        | number of trees permitted for felling i.e. 4980 trees will be done by the  |
|                 |        | Department of Forest and Wildlife at the allotted land at Ghumankhera  |
|                 |        | forest land and for that the deposit of Rs. 1,61,05,320/- is to be utilized.   |
|                 |        | Though, the learned Counsel appearing for the Applicant vehemently   |
|                 |        | argued that to save the trees, the DMRC is to be directed to prefer another  |
|                 |        | alignment which according to the Applicant could be along the footpath   |
|                 |        | and the service road, we are not inclined to direct any modification of the  |
|                 |        | alignment at this belated stage. In such circumstances, the interim order  |
|                 |        | passed on 10.09.2013 is modified and the DMRC is permitted to proceed  |
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|        | with the work. As it is represented by the learned Counsel appearing for  |
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|        | the Respondents that the transplantation of 7 trees and the compensatory  |
|        | plantation of 4980 trees would be over only by the end of February, 2014. |
|        | Stand over to 5 <sup>th</sup> March, 2014.                                |
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