

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL,
Circuit Bench at High Court of Meghalaya,
Shillong**

Original Application No. 146 of 2014

IN THE MATTER OF :

Nababrata Bhattacharjee Vs Chief Secretary, State of Meghalaya & Ors.

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SWATANTER KUMAR, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE U.D. SALVI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. DEVENDRA KUMAR AGRAWAL, EXPERT MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. (PROF.) P.C. MISHRA, EXPERT MEMBER**

**Present: Original Application No. 146 of 2014
Applicant: Mr. N. Bhattacharjee, in person
Respondent No.1: Mr. Ranjan, Mukherjee, Adv.
Respondent No2: Mr. P. Bhattacharjee, Adv.**

Date and Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
Item No. 1 October 7, 2014	<p>This is an application where the Applicant prays for stoppage of the dumping of solid waste and garbage with a complete ban on unregulated rampant dumping of solid waste, direct discharge of sewage and sludge, haphazard construction activities on the bank of two rivers, being river Wah Umkhrah and river Umshyrpi.</p> <p>We had issued notice to the Respondents. Service is complete.</p> <p>Learned Counsel appearing for the respective Respondents pray for time for filing replies. Replies should be filed within three weeks from today with advance copies to the Applicant, in person, who may file rejoinder thereto, if any, within two weeks thereafter.</p> <p>List the matter for hearing on 8th December, 2014.</p> <p>In the meanwhile, we direct the Meghalaya Pollution Control Board and the Secretary, Environment, Government of Meghalaya to conduct an inspection and submit a complete comprehensive report as to what measures and steps need to be taken to ensure</p>

that there is no un-regulated dumping of solid waste, sewage or any other material into or on the banks of the rivers as aforesaid.

According to them, both these rivers join the reservoir which is the principal source of the hydropower project and water supply. In view of these averments, it will be more significant that the rivers and the reservoir should be kept pollution free to ensure good human health and environment.

Liberty is granted to the Applicant to file documents in the meanwhile with copies thereof to the respective Respondents.

We also direct that the Umiam Hydroelectric Power Plant, Umiam, Meghalaya (Barapani) also be impleaded as the Respondent No. 3. Issue Notice to them for the same date.

List the matter for hearing on 8th December, 2014 at Shillong.

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(Dr. (Prof.) P.C. Mishra)