BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

Original Application No. 87 of 2015

Social Action for Forest & Environment (SAFE) Vs. Union of India & Ors.

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SWATANTER KUMAR, CHAIRPERSON HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAGHUVENDRA S. RATHORE, JUDICIAL MEMBER HON'BLE MR. BIKRAM SINGH SAJWAN, EXPERT MEMBER

Present: Applicant: Mr. Rahul Choudhary and Ms. Meera Gopal,

Advs.

Respondent No. 1: Dr. Abhishek Atrey, Adv.

Respondent No. 3: Mr. Suryanarayana Singh, Sr. Addl. AG for State

of Himachal Pradesh

Mr. Amit Anand Tiwari, Mr. Vivek Singh and Mr. Vinayak Gupta, Advs. for State of Uttarakhand Ms. Malavika Rajkotia, Mr. Jiten Mehra and Ms.

Saumya Maheshwari, Advs. for IAPRO

Mr. D.K. Thakur and Ms. Seema Sharma, Dy. AG

For the State of Himachal Pradesh

Date and Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
Item No.	The Learned Counsel appearing for the Ministry of
December 22, 2016	Environment, Forest and Climate Change submits that
ss	they have already cleared and approved the Regulatory
0	Regime, Management Plan and Wildlife Institute of India
11/3	(WII) report. He further submits that even Stage-I of
	Forest Clearance of 18.367 hectares of forest land has
	already been cleared, however vide their letter dated 05th
3	August, 2016 wherein they have raised certain queries
	which have not been responded and therefore Stage-II
	clearance has not been granted by now.
	We direct the State Government to respond to the
	said letter and attend personally meeting held with the
	Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forest and
	Climate Change within one week from today and MoEF
	would take a final view there upon within two weeks
	thereafter and place decision thereof before the Tribunal
	for acceptance and issues of further directions as may be

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necessary.

The Applicant as well as intervener have filed their submissions raising certain issues with regard to the regulatory regime as well as to the report of the Wildlife Institute of India.

Now there will be two matters to be examined by the Tribunal:-

- 1. Approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to the Wildlife Institute of India's report, Regulatory Regime and Management Plan in this regard. We would hear the application as well as the Intervener besides the State Government.
- 2. Issue which is most material to be determined is the Beaches list which have been submitted by the State as recommended and not recommended conditions is raised that even if the Beach falling within the 100 meters in the middle of the river still would be permitted.

We shall examine these issues on the next date of hearing. Except hearing on the above issues this matter stands closed for all other purposes.

List this matter for hearing on 18th January, 2017 at the end of the board.

,CP (Swatanter Kumar)
,JM (Raghuvendra S. Rathore)
,EM (Bikram Singh Sajwan)