

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL  
EASTERN ZONE BENCH, KOLKATA**

Original Application No. 57/2017/EZ

**SUBHAS DATTA**

Vs

**MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS & ORS**

CORAM: **Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P.Wangdi, Judicial Member**  
**Hon'ble Mr. Ranjan Chatterjee, Expert Member**

**PRESENT: Applicant : In person**

**Other Respondents : None**

Date & Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
<p><b>Item No. 2</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> April , 2017.</b></p>	<p align="center">Heard.</p> <p>In this OA, several issues of critical nature have been raised by the applicant relating to the railways. We may enumerate them below for the sake of brevity :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Unhygienic conditions of (a) platforms of Howrah Railway Station and (b) Railway Yard;</li> <li>ii) Operation of the eateries in the Howrah Railway station;</li> <li>iii) Operation of kitchen in the Yatri Niwas of the station;</li> <li>iv) Inadequate capacity of the STP which is said to have been constructed in the year 1995;</li> <li>v) Running of Guest house on the bank of river Ganga (Hooghly);</li> <li>vi) Issues pertaining to solid waste management in the railway station.</li> </ul>

Upon perusal of the application and the pleadings contained therein, we find that serious questions have been raised which, in our view, would fall within the meaning of “substantial questions relating to environment.”

The issues raised have wide ramification and the situation expounded by the applicant is a pan India feature which would require earnest efforts on the part of the railway authorities concerned to ensure its mitigation.

Issue notice upon the respondents returnable in three weeks.

Let requisites be filed within a week.

In the meanwhile we direct the respondent No. 5, the State PCB, to inspect the Howrah Railway station and its yards and verify all the aspects raised by the applicant in the OA and submit a report on the next date. While undertaking this task, the railway authorities, respondents No. 2 and 3, shall extend cooperation to the PCB, if sought for by them.

**List on 26.5.2017.**

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Justice S.P.Wangdi, JM

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Mr. Ranjan Chatterjee, EM

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