

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

Application No. 14/2014/EZ

**Ram Lakhan Singh
Vs
State of Jharkhand & Ors**

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pratap Kumar Ray, Judicial Member
Hon'ble Prof. (Dr.) P. C. Mishra, Expert Member

PRESENT: Applicant : Mr. Anil Kumar Singh (in person)
Respondent Nos. 1, 2 & 3 : Mr. R. Thanga Pandian, IFS
Divisional Forest Officer
Hazaribagh West Division, Jharkhand

Date & Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
Item No. 1 14th October 2014	<p>Mr. R. Thanga Pandian, IFS, Divisional Forest Officer has appeared in person representing the respondent nos. 1, 2 & 3. A letter of authorization by the respondent no. 3 has been filed by him which be kept in the record. He is directed to submit the letter of authorization for the respondent nos. 1 & 2 on the next date of hearing.</p> <p>Mr. Anil Kumar Singh appears on behalf of the applicant on the basis of a letter of authorization filed in this Tribunal in compliance of the order dated 08.09.2014. Let the letter of authorisation be kept in the record.</p> <p>Let the reply along with the Status Report be filed by November 11, 2014 with reference to the deforestation and the encroachment of the Government lands and the rejoinder, if any, be filed by November 26, 2014.</p> <p>Mr. R. Thanga Pandian, Divisional Forest Officer, on behalf of the respondent no. 3 submits that steps have already been taken to evict the unauthorized occupants who have been causing encroachment on the forest lands and further steps have been taken by filing cases before the Hazaribagh District Court on deforestation issues.</p> <p>Let the Status Report in respect of Court cases be also submitted along with the reply. In the meantime, steps to be taken rigorously on</p>

the issue of alleged deforestation and encroachment.

The Superin-ten-dent of Police, Hazaribagh District is directed to co-operate with the forest authorities in response to their steps for eviction of unauthorised occupants who are encroaching forest lands.

Stand over to 26.11.2014

Justice Pratap Kumar Ray, JM

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

