

BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, CENTRAL ZONAL BENCH, BHOPAL

Original Application No. 56 of 2013
Tribunal at its own motion Vs. State of MP & Ors

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DALIP SINGH, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. P.S.RAO, EXPERT MEMBER

PRESENT : Respondent No. 1 & 3 : Shri Sachin K. Verma, Advocate
Shri Ayush Dev Bajpai, Advocate
Respondent No. 2 : Shri Rajendra Giri, AGP
Respondent No. 4 : Mohd. Alauddin, Advocate

Date and Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
Item no. 5 25th September, 2013	<p>Matter was initiated after going through the Daily Newspaper “<i>Patrika</i>” Bhopal Edition dated 26th and 27th July, 2013 wherein concern has been raised stating that the Government of Madhya Pradesh has proposed construction of New MLA Rest House on an area covering 23 acres of land on Arera Hills, Bhopal and the apprehension was that it would require cutting and felling as well as uprooting of thousands of trees thereby causing enormous damage to the ecology, greenery and environment.</p> <p>Tribunal on its own motion, based upon the said report, had issued notices to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh and the Collector, Bhopal as well as the Secretary, Department of Housing & Environment. After service upon the respondents, they have submitted their replies. Respondent no. 1 and 3 have submitted joint reply whereas the Collector, Bhopal, respondent no. 2 has filed separate reply.</p> <p>Vide order dated 12.08.2013, the Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) was also added as party. The Learned Counsel appearing for BMC undertakes to submit the reply and prays for time.</p> <p>With a view to assist the Tribunal in the matter, the Tribunal appoints Shri Ajay Gupta, Advocate as <i>Amicus Curae</i>.</p> <p>Shri Ajay Gupta has given his consent before the Tribunal to do</p>
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the needful and if necessary, file additional document / affidavit in this behalf.

The Registry is directed to furnish copies of the newspaper reports, ordersheets as well as the replies filed by the respondents to Shri Ajay Gupta, Advocate who is appointed as *Amicus Curae*.

Matter be listed on 08.10.2013.

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(DALIP SINGH)

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(P.S.RAO)

