

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

O.A. No. 130/2016/EZ

**WILDLIFE SOCIETY OF ORISSA
(FOREST ENCROACHMENT)**

VS

STATE OF ODISHA & ORS

CORAM: **Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.P.Wangdi, Judicial Member
Hon'ble Prof. (Dr.) P. C. Mishra, Expert Member**

PRESENT: **Applicants : Mr. Sankar Prasad Pani, Advocate
Respondents No. 1 to 4 : Mr. Bidesh Ranjan Behera, Addl. Standing Counsel
Respondent No. 5 : Mr. Gora Chand Roy Chowdhury, Advocate
Other Respondents : None**

Date & Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
Item No. 5 12th October, 2017.	<p style="text-align: center;">Affidavit filed on behalf of the Respondent No. 5, i.e., Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, MoEF and CC by Mr. Gora Chand Roy Choundhury, Advocate, is ordered to be taken on record.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In the affidavit it has been stated that the MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar, has asked the Govt. of Odisha vide its letter dated 04.10.2016 to initiate necessary action to evict the encroachments and has urged that this case be treated as violation of Indian Forest Act, 1927 and the Orissa Forest Act, 1972. Although it has not been stated specifically that there has been violation in the present case, from the aforesaid statements it can be implied that it is so.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The applicant submits that since Respondents</p>

No. 2 & 4 have not served upon him the affidavits filed by them on the last date, he is unable to file appropriate suggestions.

Mr. Deepak Kumar Pani, Id. Standing Counsel who appears for Mr. Bidesh Ranjan Behera, Addl. Standing Counsel conducting the matter, submits that copies of the affidavits shall be served upon Mr. Pani, Id. counsel for the applicant within a week.

Since there is nothing much left in the case to be decided in view of the affidavits filed on behalf of the State Respondents, we direct the applicant to file response/suggestions without fail at least a week before the next date so that the case can be disposed off.

List on 15.11.2017.

.....
Justice S.P.Wangdi, JM
12-10-2017

.....
Prof. (Dr.) P. C. Mishra, EM
12-10-2017

--	--

