

QUORUM

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B. D. AGARWAL,
FORMER JUDGE, GAUHATI HIGH COURT, GUWAHATI**

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IN THE MATTER OF

Threat to Life Arising Out of Coal Mining in South Garo Hills District

-Vs-

**The State of Meghalaya & Ors.
And other connected matters**

PRESENT

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PROCEEDING NO. 22

RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THE TWENTY SECOND SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED BY THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B. D. AGARWAL, FORMER JUDGE, GAUHATI HIGH COURT HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING ON **19TH JUNE, 2020** AT 11.00 A.M AT COMMITTEE HALL – II, MAIN SECRETARIAT BUILDING, MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG - 793001.

AGENDA

1. Consider the draft guidelines for operating the Meghalaya Environment Protection and Restoration Fund (MEPRF) submitted by the Mining and Geology Department, Government of Meghalaya in accordance with the Order dated 17/01/2020 (para 22) of the Hon'ble NGT in O.A. No. 110 (THC)/2012.
2. Release of fund of Rs. 4,15,000/- (Four lakhs fifteen thousand) only plus GST from Meghalaya Environment Protection and Restoration Fund (MEPRF) to M/S Trinity Impex International and Phytospectrum Environmental Research Centre towards the cost to be incurred in the Pilot Project of 'Micro Algae Consortia' as an alternative to lime solution in accordance with the Hon'ble NGT Order dated 17.01.2020 (Para 22) in O.A.No.110 (THC)/2012

PROCEEDINGS

1. The National Green Tribunal Committee, Meghalaya in their Fourth Interim Report dated 31.08.2019 submitted to the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal at para 18 of the recommendations stated that the State of Meghalaya shall formulate draft guidelines in conformity with the broad parameters suggested by the National Green Tribunal Committee in its 14th Sitting held on 03.06.2019 for utilization of sum available in MEPR Fund and submit the same to the Committee for their approval. The said recommendation of the Committee was considered and accepted by the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in their order dated 17.01.2020 in O.A. No. 110(THC)2012. In compliance with the order of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, the Secretary of Mining and Geology Department has submitted draft guidelines in this regard to the Committee for their consideration today i.e. 19.06.2020.

2. The Committee thoroughly deliberated the draft guidelines for operation of the Meghalaya Environment Protection and Restoration Fund (MEPRF) submitted by the Secretary, Mining and Geology Department.
3. The Chairman of the Committee and other members pointed out several clauses in the draft guidelines for correction and improvement.
4. The draft guidelines submitted by the Secretary, Mining and Geology Department are approved by the Committee subject to incorporation of all the amendments, corrections and improvements in the various clauses occurring in the guidelines as deliberated during the course of the meeting, which have been taken due note by the Secretary of the Mining and Geology Department. The final approved version of the guidelines is annexed herewith.
5. Copies of these guidelines shall be forwarded to various officials in addition to those listed in the draft guidelines as suggested by the Committee and also be placed in the website of the Mining and Geology Department.
6. The Committee also deliberated over the proposal of the Mining and Geology Department for payment of Rs. 4,15,000/- (Four lakhs fifteen Thousand) only plus GST from Meghalaya Environment Protection and Restoration Fund (MEPRF) to M/S Trinity Impex International and Phytospectrum Environmental Research Centre towards the cost to be incurred in the pilot project of micro algae consortia as an alternative to lime solution in accordance with the Hon'ble NGT Order dated 17.01.2020 (Para 22) in O.A.No.110 (THC)/2012.
7. The Committee approved the release of the stated fund to M/S Trinity Impex International and Phytospectrum Environmental Research Centre.

Dated: 19.06.2020

(Justice B.D. Agarwal)