

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE

22. 11. 2024

BP
Sl. 02
Court No. 14

WPA 27403 of 2024

**Mandarmoni Hoteliers Association
Vs.
Union of India & Ors.**

Mr. Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya. Sr. Adv.
Mr. Kalyan Bandopadhyay. Sr. Adv.
Mr. Saptangsu Basu. Sr. Adv.
Mr. Paritosh Sinha. V.C.
Mr. Amitava Mitra. V.C.
Mr. Ananta Kumar Shaw.
Mr. Ayan Banerjee.
Ms. Sumita Shaw.
Mr. Tarun Chatterjee.
Ms. Debasree Dhamali.
Ms. Paushali Banerjee.
Mr. Sujit Gupta.
Mr. Mainak Ganguly.
Ms. Riya Ghosh.
Mr. Soumen Cahtterjee.

..For the petitioner

Mr. T. M. Siddiqui.
Mr. D. Sahu.

..for the State.

Mr. N. C. Bihani.
Mrs. P. B. Bihani.
Mr. S. Ghosh.
Mr. S. Mukherjee.

... For the WBPCB.

Mr. Swapan Kunar Nandi.
Mr. Biswajit Maity.

... For the Union of India.

Ms. Soumi Guha Thakurta.

... For the Central Pollution Control Board.

1. Affidavit-of-service filed in Court today be kept with the records.
2. Leave is granted to the learned advocate-on-record for the petitioner to implead Bishnupada Pakhira as party respondent in the instant writ petition and serve copy of the writ petition upon the added respondent.
3. The notice dated 11th November, 2024 issued by the Chairman, District Level Committee of WBCZMA and District Magistrate and Collector, Purba Medinipur directing all stakeholders to demolish and clean the illegal construction within 20th November, 2024 by the hotels/resorts and home stays in Mandarmoni, Purba Medinipur in terms of the order of the National Green Tribunal in O.A. No. 134/2015/EZ dated 2nd May, 2022 is impugned herein.
4. Primary contention of the petitioner is that the CRZ notification in respect of the State of West Bengal is yet to be published. In the absence of the CRZ notification, the same cannot be implemented.
5. Next contention is that the NGT could not have delegated its authority to adjudicate upon a committee who subsequently passed the order of demolition.

6. Further submission is that the cause of action arose long back and as per the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010, the constructions made by the members of the petitioner long back could not have been directed to be demolished at such a late stage.
7. The Constitution of the NGT in passing the order dated 2nd May, 2022 has been challenged. It has been submitted that any order passed by an authority constituted de hors the provision of law is liable to be set aside on the ground of quorum non judice.
8. The matter is yet to be heard. The parties are to make formal arguments.
9. As there is an immediate threat of demolition of the constructions which are used by the members of the petitioner for running their business to earn their livelihood, accordingly, the interim order praying stay of operation of the impugned notice is allowed.
10. The impugned notice dated 11th November, 2024 shall not be given effect to till 13th December, 2024 or until further order, whichever is earlier.
11. The respondents are directed to file report with regard to the averments made in the writ petition by 4th December, 2024 and serve copy upon the

learned advocate representing the petitioner.

12. List the matter on **10th December, 2024**. It will be open for the petitioner to prepare exception to the report prior to the adjourned date.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)

