



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO. 15 OF 2021

(Swacch Association, through its Secretary Vs. Ministry of Environment and Forest, through its Secretary & Ors.)

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram, appearances, Court's orders of directions and Registrar's orders.

Court's or Judge's order

Shri Parvez Mirza, Advocate for the petitioner.
Shri N.S. Deshpande, Deputy Solicitor General of India for respondent nos. 1 and 3.
Shri Anand Parchure, Advocate for respondent no.2.
Ms N.P. Mehta, Assistant Government Pleader for respondent nos. 4 and 5.
Shri J.B. Kasat, Advocate for respondent nos. 7 and 8.
Shri N.G. Moharir, Advocate for respondent no.9.

CORAM : A. S. CHANDURKAR AND MRS. VRUSHALI V. JOSHI, JJ.

DATE : AUGUST 30, 2023

It is submitted by the learned Counsel for respondent no.2 that the contract with regard to development and maintenance of the Inter Model Station at Ajni Railway Station has now been terminated vide letter dated 12/7/2022. It is stated that respondent no.2 therefore is not a necessary party in the present proceedings. Hence, the name of respondent no.2 is permitted to be deleted from the array of parties. The Pursis is taken on record.

2] The learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that though the site in question has been handed over to respondent no.9 for undertaking the work that has been allotted by respondent no.3 – Authority, felling of trees without due permission continues.

3] The learned Counsel for respondent no.9 by referring to the affidavit filed by the said respondent dated 12/7/2023 submits that the site has been taken over on 19/1/2023. Respondent no.9 to file an affidavit indicating the steps taken to safeguard the area that has been handed over to it by respondent no.3, especially in the matter of standing trees. This would enable the Court to consider issuance of further directions in this regard.

4] Stand over 6/9/2023.

(MRS. VRUSHALI V. JOSHI, J.)

(A. S. CHANDURKAR, J.)