

Item No.1

(Pune Bench)

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
WESTERN ZONE BENCH, PUNE**

[Through Physical Hearing (With Hybrid Option)]

ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO.32 OF 2024 (WZ)

Anuj Abhay Deshpande & Ors.

.... Applicants

Versus

Pune Municipal Corporation & Ors.

....Respondents

Date of hearing: 08.02.2024

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DINESH KUMAR SINGH, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. VIJAY KULKARNI, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicants : Ms. Supriya Dangare, Advocate along with Applicant
Nos.1, 2 and 6

Respondents : Mr. Rahul Garg, Advocate for R-1 – PMC along with
Mr. Rajesh Bhutkar, Dy. Engineer, Water Supply
Department, PMC

ORDER

1. From the side of respondent No.1 – PMC, learned counsel Mr. Rahul Garg has appeared along with Mr. Rajesh Bhutkar, Dy. Engineer, PMC, to resist admission of this Original Application and it is brought to our notice by them that there were earlier two water tanks, which were being used but later on, the use thereof was discontinued for certain period and now under the Amrut Scheme of the Govt. of India, it has been considered that additional three new tanks at the same spot in place of earlier two are to be constructed.

2. From the side of the applicants, learned counsel Ms. Supriya Dangare has vehemently argued that although the permissions have been obtained by respondent No.1 – PMC from the relevant authorities for construction of the said tanks, that would lead to cutting of large number

of trees, which would have adverse impact on the environment. Hence, the construction of these tanks is being opposed.

3. Before admitting this Original Application, we direct respondent No.1 – PMC to file their reply giving the details and all facts related to this project by the next date, stating therein as to from which authorities permissions were obtained and what consideration was made in this regard, particularly in respect of the site selection. A week's time is allowed for the same.

4. We direct the learned counsel for the applicants to provide copy of the Original Application and annexures thereto to the learned counsel for respondent No.1 – PMC today by e-mail.

5. Put up this matter for next consideration on 19.02.2024.

Dinesh Kumar Singh, JM

Dr. Vijay Kulkarni, EM

February 8, 2024
O.A. No.32/2024 (WZ)
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