BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI Application No. 70/2012

Devi Gyan Negi VS. MoEF and Ors.

Note of the Registry	Orders of the Tribunal
Dated 23rd November 2012	This matter was not in the list but on being mentioned and on being satisfied with regard to the urgency the file was called, as this Bench will not function till 9 th December, 2012. Heard Mr. Ritwick Dutta, Learned Counsel appearing for the Applicant. After hearing learned counsel, we are satisfied that substantial questions relating to environment are involved which needs determination. It is alleged that number of trees are felled and forest lands are being utilized for non-forest purpose, in the absence of formal order of allotment passed by the State Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In view of the averments made, we feel it is a fit case, where (Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited) Respondent No. 3 should be directed not to fell the trees standing over the disputed lands and not to utilize the forest land for non-forest activities until further orders and we direct accordingly. Issue notice to the Respondents both ways i.e. by Registered post/Acknowledgement Due and by Dasti. List this matter on 11 th December, 2012. (Dr. G.K. PANDEY) (JUSTICE A.S. NAIDU) EXPERT MEMBER ACTING CHAIRPERSON