

# Presentation before Hon'ble MEF&CC

## Policy and Law Division

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# National Green Tribunal and Ors.

- NGT & Others scheme includes following three components:-
  - National Green Tribunal
  - Dhanu Taluka Environment Protection Authority (DTEPA)
  - Loss of Ecology (Prevention and Payment of Compensation) Authority (LoEA)
- The Establishment matters of the NGT are handled in Policy and Law Division.
- The Establishment matters of DTEPA and LoEA are handled by RE Division and CP Division.
- P&L Division also handles Eco-labelling

# Budget

- The Policy and Law Division allocates Budget to NGT, DTEPA and LoEA.
- Budget for FY 2016-2017:
  - NGT: Rs. 20.75 Crore
  - Rent for Faridkot House : Rs. 12.00 Crore
  - MoEFCC : Rs 1.23 Crore
  - LoEA: Rs. 0.35 Crore
  - DTEPA: Rs. 0.67 Crore
  - Total Rs. 35 Crore**

# National Green Tribunal

- The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has been established on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 under the NGT Act, 2010.
- Objective: Effective and expeditious disposal of cases relating to environmental protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources including enforcement of any legal right relating to environment and giving relief and compensation for damages to persons and property and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto
- **The Tribunal has five places of sitting with Principal Bench in Delhi. The other four zonal benches are at Pune, Kolkata, Bhopal and Chennai.**
- All the five benches of NGT are functional.
- In addition, there are four circuit Benches at Shimla, Shillong, Jodhpur and Kochi.

# National Green Tribunal Contd...

- As on date there is a Chairperson, Eight Judicial and Seven Expert Members in the NGT.
- One Judicial Member has recently tendered his resignation (HMJ Pratap Kumar Ray)
- A Bench comprises of one Judicial and one Expert Member
- Last round of Selection Process has been completed in April, 2016 and proposal for appointment of two Judicial and two Expert Members have been sent to DoPT for obtaining the approval of ACC. The approval of the ACC is awaited.
- Fresh Round of selection process shall be initiated.
- As on 31.03.2016, a total of 15088 cases were instituted before the NGT out of which 11922 cases were disposed off and 3166 cases were pending before the various benches of the NGT.

# Legal Monitoring Cell

- To strengthen monitoring of Court cases, a Legal Monitoring Cell has been constituted with the approval of Secretary, EF&CC.
- 18 Assistant(legal) have been engaged and deployed in LMC and various Divisions of the Ministry.
- 2 Assistant (legal) are engaged exclusively for NGT Cell.
- The Ministry has **2601** cases pending in different Courts and Tribunals of India wherein this Ministry has been impleaded as one of the Party.
- The number of cases pending for filing of replies as on 31 May was nil as per Adv (PL).
- The current pendency of replies to be filed is 122.

<b>Court</b>	<b>Number of Cases</b>
Supreme Court	183
High Courts	965
NGT	637
CAT	209
Other Courts	607
<b>Total</b>	<b>2601</b>

# Issues

- Appointment of Counsels for Pune and Kolkata
- Appointment of senior counsels
- Capacity Building



# Pending Issues of NGT

- Filling up vacancies of Judicial/Expert Members
- Medical Scheme for Officers and Staff of the NGT
- Purchase of land at Bhopal & Pune
- Increase in the number of sanctioned posts of Judicial and Expert Members
- Residential Accommodation for Judicial and Expert Members at Bhopal and Pune
- Rent of Faridkot House (Principal Bench of the NGT at New Delhi)

# Pending Issues of NGT Cont

- International Conference held in March, 2016- UNEP Funding.
- Payment to TNPCB for refurbishment of Chennai Bench of NGT
- Inauguration of Chennai Bench
- Absorption of Employees on Deputation
- Visit of Hon'ble Chairperson, NGT to Hawaii from 13<sup>th</sup> June to 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

# Eco-Labeling Scheme

- Commissioning of Eco-labelling scheme for products made out of waste by MoEFCC was one of the recommendations of the Group of Secretaries constituted by Hon'ble Prime Minister on eight thematic areas.
- Products made out of: construction & demolition waste, hazardous waste, waste paper & pulp, solid waste, waste plastic, waste packaging material etc.
- Technical support : CPCB

# Eco-labelling: Issues

- Quality Assurance: BIS, Self Certification
- Credibility
- Visibility
- Promotion: Public procurement
- Funding
- UNEP: Small Scale Funding Agreement

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