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SUO MOTO WRIT PETITION(CIVIL) No(s).9/2026

IN RE: REGULATION OF INDUSTRIES IN THE TAJ TRAPEZIUM ZONE

(1) IA NOS. 20616, 20617/2020 (APPLNS. FOR INTERVENTION AND DIRECTIONS) "ONLY" NAMES OF THE FOLLOWING ADVOCATES MAY BE TREATED TO HAVE BEEN SHOWN IN THE LIST. PETITIONER-IN-PERSON, MS. LIZ MATHEW, SR. ADV. (A.C.), MR. SIDDHARTHA CHOWDHURY, ADV. (A.C.), MS. AAKASHI LODHA, AOR, MS. KESHVI ARYA, Adv. MR. AMRISH KUMAR, MR. M.K. MARORIA, MR. G.S. MAKKER, MR. VIJAY PANJWANI, MR. ANKIT GOEL, MR. KAMLENDRA MISHRA (1) MS. APARNA BHAT, MS. RAJ KUMARI BANJU, MR. SATYA RAM SHARMA, MR. PRASHANT, MR. PRAVEEN SWARUP, MS. SHWETA SHARMA, MR. SHANTANU BANSAL, MR. PRADEEP MISHRA, MR. RAJEEV KUMAR DUBEY, ADVOCATES

Date : 03-09-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

I.A. Nos.20616-20617 of 2020

1. These applications have been filed by one Arun Kumar Gupta, Member & Ex-Chairman (Natural Gas Cell), National Chamber of Industries Association, *inter alia*, alleging that TTZ Authority and other official respondents have violated the directions of this Court as contained in the judgment dated 30.12.1996 by permitting several existing industrial units in the glass industries sector at Firozabad to enhance their capacities and new units to be set up. A consequential order to restrain the authorities from permitting new industries or enhancement of capacity of existing industries in the TTZ area has been sought.

2. We find that during pendency of these applications, much water has flown, especially with the judgment dated 22.04.2025 being passed by this Court, wherein CEC Report No. 19 of 2025 was considered and certain directions were issued.

3. In compliance of those directions, the TTZ Authority has filed an affidavit dated 26.09.2025. We are informed that the Cumulative Impact Assessment Study Report has also been received on 02.09.2026.

4. Meanwhile, *vide* another order dated 23.07.2026, passed in IA No. 22551 of 2025, we have directed the TTZ Authority to process 410 pending applications for establishment/expansion/relocation of

industries, subject to the following safeguards:

(a) In every such meeting, an expert representative of CEC and an expert representative of NEERI shall be invited, and no meeting shall take place unless both the subject experts are present;

(b) In the event one of the two experts objects to the nature of an industry, namely, classifying it not to be a 'non-polluting industry', such application shall not be accepted without leave of this Court;

(c) where both the experts (NEERI and CEC) and the TTZ Authority deliver a unanimous opinion, such applications may be processed and taken to their logical conclusion strictly in accordance with law, without any reference to this Court.

5. As may be seen, the TTZ Authority has been directed to associate expert nominees of the CEC and NEERI in its decision-making process. In our considered opinion, that directions adequately safeguard the apprehension expressed in these applications filed in the year 2020, which with the passage of time, have become obsolete.

6. It goes without saying that the application for a new industry shall also be examined and processed by the TTZ Authority strictly in terms of the order dated 23.07.2026, a portion of which has been quoted above.

7. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the TTZ Authority shall be at liberty to initiate appropriate independent

proceedings. Further, public-spirited persons, like the applicant(s), shall also be at liberty to place their viewpoint before the TTZ Authority, and such suggestions/objections shall also be considered while processing the applications. The expeditious disposal of the pending applications shall be appreciated.

8. With liberty aforesaid, these applications are disposed of.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI DILEEP KUMAR)
DY. REGISTRAR