

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(s) (Civil) No(s). 72/2025

NGT BAR ASSOCIATION (WESTERN ZONE)

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA &amp; ORS.

Respondent(s)

[TO BE TAKEN UP IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FRESH CASES]  
IA No. 75790/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL  
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

Date : 16-09-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE B.V. NAGARATHNA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. MAHADEVAN

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner,  
learned A.S.G for respondent no.1/Union of India and learned  
counsel for the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

During the course of submissions, learned counsel for  
the respondent(s) submitted that vide order dated 11.08.2025, two  
retired Judges of the High Court, who have been appointed to be the

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Judicial Members of the NGT have not yet assumed charge; that thirty days time from the date of issuance of the order of appointment (11.08.2025) has been granted to the said Judicial Members to assume charge. Since they have not yet assumed charge and thirty days period has lapsed, possibly the said Judicial Members are not inclined to assume charge as Judicial Members of the NGT.

If that is so, the appointment process would have to be re-started. This would inevitably consume time.

In response to this submission, learned counsel for the petitioner drew our attention to the fact that apart from the actual vacancies, there are future vacancies which would arise imminently and therefore, a direction may be issued for the existing Members to continue until the new Members assume charge.

We take note of the said submission. However, we do not intend to issue any such direction for the present. In the circumstances, we expect that the vacancies shall be filled up as expeditiously as possible. In this regard we also note the fact that steps have been taken by the Chairman and Members of the Search and Selection Committee to fill up the vacancies.

Hence, the matter is adjourned to 16.12.2025.

(NEETU SACHDEVA)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(DIVYA BABBAR)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)