



# DAKSHINBANGA MATSYAJIBI FORUM (DMF)

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To  
The Member Secretary  
West Bengal State Pollution Control Board  
Paribesh Bhavan,  
10A, LA Block, Sector III, Bidhannagar, Kolkata,  
West Bengal 700106



**Sub:** Site Visit of the Court Appointed Committee in the matter of **Dakshinbanga Matsyajibi Forum Vs. Inland Waterways Authority of India & Ors (OA No. 64/2020 (EZ))** before the National Green Tribunal.

Dear Sir,

This has reference to the ongoing matter of **Dakshinbanga Matsyajibi Forum Vs. Inland Waterways Authority of India & Ors (OA No. 64/2020 (EZ))** before the National Green Tribunal regarding the frequent capsizing of barges carrying fly-ash on the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route which flows through the highly eco-sensitive and fragile Sundarbans in the State of West Bengal.

As you are aware that, the Hon'ble Tribunal in its order dated 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 has constituted a committee and directed the Committee to verify on the factual aspects set out in the application after physical verification of the area in question and submit a report. The Tribunal further directed the Committee to examine the factors giving rise to the situation and suggest measures to prevent the occurrence of such incidents and also mitigation measures in respect of fly ash already spilt in the waterway.

In lieu of this, I Pradip Chatterjee, on behalf of the Dakshinbanga Matsyajibi Forum, is hereby requesting you to intimate us regarding the visit of the Committee well in advance, so that we can make our presence during the physical verification of the area.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

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