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# Regulatory Appearances & Stakeholder Management

Environmental Regulatory Appearances and Stakeholder Management Law Firm in India

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## Overview

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Our Regulatory Appearances & Stakeholder Management practice specializes in representing client interests before environmental regulatory authorities and managing relationships with diverse environmental stakeholders. We provide strategic guidance on constructive engagement with government bodies, local communities, NGOs, and other affected parties in environmental matters. Our team facilitates productive dialogue between businesses and environmental stakeholders, navigating complex regulatory proceedings while building sustainable relationships that support operational continuity and environmental responsibility.

## Our Services

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- Representation before pollution control boards and environmental committees
- Guidance on public consultations and environmental hearings
- Management of community engagement on environmental impacts
- Strategic communication with environmental NGOs and advocacy groups
- Representation in environmental inspection and audit processes
- Advisory on stakeholder mapping and engagement planning
- Development of environmental grievance mechanisms and response protocols
- Facilitation of multi-stakeholder dialogues on environmental concerns
- Advocacy before policy-making bodies on environmental regulations
- Management of media communications on environmental matters
- Representation in environmental regulatory negotiations and settlements

## Key Professionals

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**Shiju P V**

Managing Partner



**Rahul Sundaram**

Partner

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### **Q1** What does regulatory appearances and stakeholder management cover in environmental law?

This practice involves representing businesses before pollution control boards, environmental committees, and tribunals. It also covers structured engagement with communities, NGOs, and government bodies on environmental concerns, helping clients navigate hearings, inspections, and public consultations effectively.

### **Q2** When should a company engage counsel for environmental stakeholder management?

Ideally before a new project triggers public consultation requirements or an Environmental Impact Assessment. Early engagement is also critical when facing show cause notices from pollution control boards, community opposition to operations, or adverse media attention on environmental issues.

### **Q3** Which Indian regulators and statutes govern environmental regulatory proceedings?

Key authorities include the Central and State Pollution Control Boards under the Water Act 1974, Air Act 1981, and Environment Protection Act 1986. The National Green Tribunal hears environmental disputes. The EIA Notification 2006 governs clearance hearings and public consultations.

**Q4** **What does the typical timeline look like for environmental regulatory proceedings?**

Timelines vary significantly. SPCB consent applications can take 60 to 120 days. Public hearings under the EIA Notification require a minimum 30 day notice period. NGT appeals must be filed within 30 days of an order. Delays are common and multiple adjournments increase costs.

**Q5** **What documents are needed to prepare for environmental regulatory appearances?**

Clients should compile existing environmental clearances, consent to operate or establish orders, pollution monitoring data, compliance audit reports, correspondence with regulators, EIA reports if applicable, and any show cause notices received. Community engagement records are also useful.

**Q6** **What common mistakes do companies make in environmental regulatory engagement?**

A frequent pitfall is treating regulatory appearances as purely adversarial rather than collaborative. Companies also underestimate the importance of documented community engagement. Incomplete record keeping, missed response deadlines on SPCB notices, and reactive rather than proactive stakeholder outreach create avoidable risk.