

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL,
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

Suo Moto Application No. 125 of 2017

IN THE MATTER OF :

Court on its own Motion Vs. State of Karnataka

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SWATANTER KUMAR, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAGHUVENDRA S. RATHORE, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. AJAY A DESHPANDE, EXPERT MEMBER**

Present: Applicant

Date and Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
<p>Suo - Moto</p> <p>February 20, 2017</p> <p>ss</p>	<p>The NDTV and the Print Media in Journal has shown an environmental disaster that had taken place at Bellandur Lake in Bangalore. It is one of the biggest lake of the city. From the photographs and the clippings displayed on the Television, it had been shown that the entire lake was on fire, emitting highly pollutant gases. It is reported that there were thick clouds of smoke which severely hit the traffic and people living around the lake. It is also reported that usually a pile of garbage around the lake is set on fire and there was total panic. Undoubtedly, such emissions are bound to be have an adverse impact on environment, ecology and human health. It is a matter which requires serious investigation, remedial measures and restoration of the lake to its original wholesome status.</p> <p>We are shocked to know that it has also been widely described as shocking apathy on the part of the concerned stakeholders.</p> <p>Consequently, we Suo-Moto issue Notice to the following:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. State of Karnataka through the Chief Secretary of

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the State.

2. Lake Authority of Bangalore.
3. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change through its Secretary.
4. The Bangalore Municipal Corporation through its Commissioner/Head of the Department.
5. State Pollution Control Board through its Member Secretary and
6. Central Pollution Control Board through its Member Secretary.

These Notices will be issued by the Registry without process fee and all the Senior Officers of the Noticees shall be present before the Tribunal on Wednesday i.e. on 22nd February, 2017.

These Authorities would also show cause as to why appropriate directions to protect the environment and other related matters, be not issued by the Tribunal forthwith.

Copy of this order be also sent to the Resident Commissioner, State of Karnataka at New Delhi.

List this matter on 22nd February, 2017.

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(Swatanter Kumar)

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(Raghuvendra S. Rathore)

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(Dr. Ajay A Deshpande)