

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

**Original Application No. 392 of 2015
(Earlier Application No. 83/2015 (SZ))**

And

**Original Application No. 391 of 2016
(Earlier Application No. 49/2015 (SZ))**

AND

**Original Application No. 393 of 2016
(M. A. No. 862/2016, M. A. No. 1036/2016 & M. A. No. 1227/2016)
(Earlier Application No. 118 of 2016 (SZ))**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Mr. H.A. Kishore Kumar Vs. Union of India & Ors.

And

M/s A. Purushottam Chitrapur Vs. Union of India & Ors.

And

K.N. Somashekar Vs. State of Karnataka & Ors.

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SWATANTER KUMAR, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAGHUVENDRA S. RATHORE, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. BIKRAM SINGH SAJWAN, EXPERT MEMBER**

Present:

Applicant:	Mr. Rahul Choudhary, Adv.
Respondent No. 4:	Mr. Lalit Mohini Bhatt and Mr. Darpan K.M. Adv.
Respondent No. 10:	Mr. Jaideep Gupta, Sr. Adv., Mr. Naveen R. Nath and Mr. Lalit Mohan and Mr. Darpan K.M., Adv.
Respondents No. 13 to 15:	Mr. B.S. Gautham, Adv. Mr. Attin Shankar Rastogi, Adv. for MoEF Mr. Devraj Ashok, Adv. Mr. B.V. Niren, Adv

Date and Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
Item Nos. 05 to 07 December 16, 2016 A	Learned counsel appearing for the State of Karnataka submits about 6000 trees have been fell/cut, however, in lieu thereof approximately 3200 trees have been planted under the scheme of afforestation. It is further submitted that they have permission from the Competent Authority to fell 6000 trees. This statement is disputed by the Learned counsel appearing for the Applicants. According to them they have already fell more than 15000 trees approximately and they do not even have proper permission from the Competent Authority. Furthermore, afforestation as stated has not been done.

In view of the disputed facts, we direct Senior Officer from Regional Office of MoEF &CC to visit the area in question along with the Applicants, Officers of the Respondents on 2nd and 03rd January, 2017 from 10.00 AM onwards on both days. The inspection, if needed, would continue on day today basis, till its conclusion. The composite report by the State - Officer should be submitted before the Tribunal, in regard to the trees that have been cut/fell for this project and afforestation thereof and the likely impact of felling of large number of trees on the environment and ecology of the area as it cannot be disputed that it is a eco - sensitive area and has effects on wildlife habitat. Let the report be positively filed before 14th January, 2017.

List these matters on 16th January, 2017 along with other connected matters.

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(Swatanter Kumar)

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(Raghuvendra S. Rathore)

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(Bikram Singh Sajwan)

