

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

Original Application No. 85/2024

News Item titled "**Core breach as structure set up in Kali Tiger Reserve**" appearing in the Bangalore Mirror dated 28.12.2023

Date of hearing: 30.01.2024

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

Respondent: Mr. Rajat Jonathan Shaw, Adv. for the State of Karnataka with
Mr. Shinde Nilesh Deoba, DCF & Director, Kali Tiger Reserve

ORDER

1. This Original Application under Section 14 and 15 of National Green Tribunal, Act 2010 has been registered *suo-moto* on the basis of the news published in Bangalore Mirror under the titled "**Core breach as structure set up in Kali Tiger Reserve**".

2. Report says that on illegal construction and infrastructure development in the core area of Kali Tiger Reserve has been created illegally and without approval of the competent authorities.

3. Mr. Rajat Jonathan Shaw, learned counsel has appeared on behalf of State of Karnataka and says that alleged construction has nothing to do with the tourism but it is a protection camp created by Forest department for preventing poaching and illegal felling of trees in core area.

4. He prays for 15 days' time to file a reply placing on record the nature of construction raised in the area concerned.

5. As prayed, 15 days' time is allowed to file response.

6. Since the matter pertains to the jurisdiction of Southern Zone Bench of the Tribunal, records of the application may be transmitted to Southern Zone Bench for further proceedings.

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

January 30, 2024
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AS.