

Item No. 01

Court No. 2

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

Original Application No. 41/2024

Nadeem Ahmad Dar

Applicant

Versus

Union Territory of J&K

Respondent

Date of hearing: 06.03.2024

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

ORDER

1. This Original Application under Section 14 and 15 of National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 (hereinafter referred to as '**NGT Act, 2010**') has been registered taking *suo-moto* cognizance on a letter petition dated 07.08.2023 sent by Nadeem Ahmad Dar, Member of Eco-Development Committee, Lalpora Pampore complaining that in wetlands of Pampore, Jammu & Kashmir, there is huge damage to environment and ecology being caused due to poor quality of works relating to protection of wetland and Solid Waste Management. The Wetlands of Pampore play a vital role in maintaining biodiversity, support local livelihoods, and serve as essential habitats for numerous plants and animal species. They also contribute significantly to overall health of the region's ecosystem and act as a natural buffer against environmental challenges such as flooding and pollution.

2. It is complained that concerned authorities are not taking appropriate action for protection of said wetland and the matter requires an appropriate inquiry into the matter and direction to concerned authorities to take appropriate steps for protection of wetland so that

environmental damage may not continue and steps be also taken for remediation and rejuvenation of the damage already caused.

3. The allegations made in letter petition, in our view, give rise to a substantial question relating to environment arising due to implementation of Scheduled Enactments under NGT Act, 2010 but before taking any further action in the matter, we find it appropriate to obtain a factual report for which we constitute a Joint Committee comprising J&KPCC, District Magistrate, Pulwama and State Wetland Authority. The aforesaid Committee shall visit the site, collect relevant information and submit factual report within two months.

4. District Magistrate, Pulwama shall be the nodal agency for coordination and compliance.

5. Report shall be submitted by the said Committee by e-mail at judicial-ngt@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/ OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDF after visiting affected areas and collecting relevant information.

6. List on 09.05.2024.

7. A copy of this order be forwarded to J&KPCC, District Magistrate, Pulwama and State Wetland Authority by e-mail for compliance.

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

March 06, 2024
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