

**THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL AT ITS
PRINCIPLE BENCH, NEW DELHI**
(Under Section 14 & 15 r/w Section 18(1) & (2) of the
National Green Tribunal Act, 2010)

Original Application No: 560 of 2015

IN THE MATTER OF

PUSHP JAIN

APPLICANT

Versus

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS & ORS
AND STATE OF TELANGANA

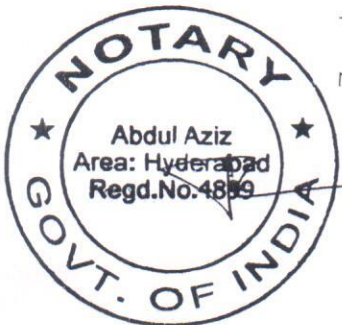
RESPONDENTS

**REPLY - AFFIDAVIT OF THE RESPONDENT NO. 37, ENVIRONMENT,
FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF
TELANGANA**

I, Bhambal Ram Meena, S/o Late Kishorilal Meena, aged 57 years, hereby solemnly and sincerely state as follows:-

I am working as Principal Secretary to Government, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department and I am well acquainted with the facts of the case based on the records.

1. I am filing this reply affidavit on behalf of respondent No. 37 and further I am representing on behalf of the state Telangana and the Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana and as such I am competent to file this affidavit.
2. I submit that I am well acquainted with the facts of the case based on the records. I have gone through the affidavit filed in support of the above mentioned Application and understand the contents therein. That this respondent denies all the allegations and the averments made therein except those that are specifically admitted to be true.



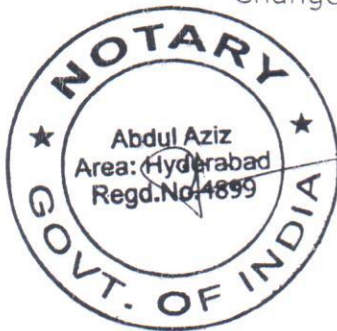
3. In reply to Para - 21 S (a) of the O.A, it is submitted that the Forest Department of Telangana State is protecting and managing the Wetlands of significance falling in Reserve Forest Areas as well as in Protected Areas like Wildlife Sanctuaries through respective Divisional Forest Officers in whose Jurisdiction the wetlands fall. These wetlands have been notified as protected under the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The Protected Areas in which the wetlands fall are managed as per the prescriptions of the management plan prepared for each Protected Area and approved by Chief Wildlife Warden. The Following fresh water Wetlands are declared as Protected in Telangana State:

- i) Sivaram Wildlife Sanctuary, a riverine Ecosystem located on River Godavari and spreading over an area of 29.81 Sq.Kms,
- ii) Manjeera Wildlife Sanctuary, a Lake Ecosystem on river Manjeera spreading over an area of 20.00 Sq.Kms,
- iii) Kinnerasani Lake falling in Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary spreading over an area of 20.40 Sq.Kms.

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4. In reply to para - 21 S (b) it is respectfully submitted that Forest Department of Telangana is protecting in the Wetlands falling in Reserve Forest Areas as well as in Protected Areas like Wildlife Sanctuaries through respective Divisional Forest Officers. Each of the Protected Area like Wildlife Sanctuaries or National Park has a Management Plan approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State. The Wetlands falling within the Protected Areas are managed as per the prescriptions of management plan

5. In reply to Para- 21 S (c), (d) and (e), it is respectfully submitted that the matter relates to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India.



6. In reply to Para - 21 S (f) it is respectfully submitted that effective measures are being taken for protection of Wetlands by declaring them as Sanctuaries under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Exclusive Forest divisions are formed for important wetlands falling in Wildlife Sanctuaries for their Conservation and Management as per the provisions Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
7. In view of the above facts, it is humbly prayed to dispose the petition as the Forest Department, Government of Telangana is taking all steps and measures to protect the Wetlands in the State and monitoring the activities regularly.

It is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble tribunal may be pleased to take on record the submissions made herein and dismiss the Application and thus render Justice.


DEPONENT

**Pri. Secretary to Govt.
E F S & T Department
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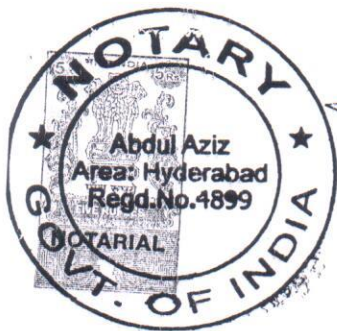
VERIFICATION:

Verified at Hyderabad on this ____ day of September, 2016 that the contents of this affidavit are true and correct and nothing material has been concealed herefrom.


DEPONENT

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T. S. Secretariat, Hyd - 500 022**

ATTESTED



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