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PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 560 OF 2015

IN THE MATTER OF:

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**AFFIDAVIT ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENT NO. 14 (STATE OF GOA)**

I, Srinet Kothwale, major of age, son of Shri Narendra Kothwale, residing at Aroba-Dhargal, Pernem, Goa, do hereby on solemn affirmation state and submit as under:

1. I state that I am the Director & Ex-officio Joint Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Goa, and I am authorised to file the present Affidavit.
2. I state that vide the present Application, the Applicant has sought direction from this Hon'ble Tribunal to the Central Government and the State Government to identify all Wet Lands within their jurisdiction in terms of the Wetland(Conservation and Management) Rules, 2010 and also to direct the Central / State Government not to permit any activity in and around the Wetland as inventoried by Indian

Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in 2007 & 2011 till the Wetlands are notified by Government of India as per said Rules, 2010.

3. I state that the Rule 4 (1) (i) to (vii) of the said Rules stipulates certain prohibitions like reclamation of wetlands, dumping of solid waste into the wetlands, prohibition of discharge of untreated waste and effluents, construction of any permanent nature or any other activity that may likely have an adverse impact on the ecosystem of the wetlands.

Further, Rule 4 (2) (i) to (xii) permits certain activities with the consent of the State Government. These activities comprise of withdrawal of water or impoundment diversion or interruption of the water source within the local catchment area of the wetland ecosystem, harvesting of living and non living resources, grazing to the level that the basic nature and character of the biotic community is not adversely effected, treated of effluent discharge from industries, plying motorized boats, dredging of wetlands, construction of boat jetties, etc.

4. I state that the Rule 8 (2) of the aforesaid Notification the State Government should designate a Nodal Department or State Agency towards the regulation, management and wise use of the wetlands outside the protected or notified forest areas.



5. I state that in this regard the State Government is in the process of designating a Nodal Department for the State of Goa for implementation of the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules 2010.

6. I state that in terms of Rule 6 (2), of the said Rules, the State Government should prepare a 'Brief Document' identifying and classifying the wetlands within their respective territories in accordance with the criteria specified under Rule 3 of the said Rules and submit the same to the Authority / Central Government,



In this regard, I state that it is proposed that the Wetland Atlas prepared by the Space Applications Centre (SAC), Department of Space, Government of India as part of the project on National Wetland Inventory and Assessment (NWIA) could be considered as the briefed document as the same has extensively covered the identification and classification of the Wetlands in the State of Goa.

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I, state that whatever is stated herein above is based on the records available with office of the Respondent No. 14 to which I have access and which I believe to be true and correct.

Solemnly affirmed at Panaji.

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016

  
DEPONENT