

BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL,  
SOUTH ZONE, CHENNAI

ORIGINAL OA NO. 16 OF 2022(SZ)

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1. This is reply to HMWSSB Report dt 4 June 2024 as per Orders of Hon'ble NGT dt 4 July 2024 in OA /16/2022(SZ).
2. It is to submit that as per Para 2, manholes 32 numbers and diversionary channel/pipes 340 mtrs length, are laid inside the FTL of the lake. This is a totally irresponsible act against any standard laid rules or procedure.

It is also submitted that such attempts to lay huge sewage pipes in the FTL of lakes has been opposed by locals and lake champions in other lakes of GHMC area.

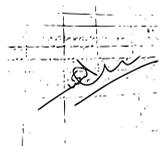




**PIPES & MANHOLES IN THE FTL OF THE LAKE**  
(picture taken during survey with Joint Committee February 2022)



**LAKE DESTROYED TO LAY PIPES AND MANHOLES**  
(picture taken during survey with Joint Committee February 2022)



3. Alternative methodologies for lesser generation of sewage or alternative methodologies for handling sewage including decentralised handling has not been researched upon. Pipes have been laid down inside FTL and the STPs that are energy-guzzling, encroaching the FTL/Buffer zone of Mir Alam Tank have been portrayed as the only perfect solution for handling sewage, of catchment area and upstream area.
4. It is to submit that as per Para 4 it is stated that there is no sewer flow in the lake. Contrary to this statement, during survey of Bam Rukn ud Dowlah on 26 July 2024, it was observed that open sewer flows into the lake and lake is covered with weed in the lake.



SEWAGE ACROSS THE DUMPED LAKE (PICTURE DT 26.07.2024)  
GEO-COORDINATES: 17° 19' 53.478" N 78° 26' 29.058" E



WEEDS IN THE LAKE  
(picture taken from  
bund of lake)  
GEO COORDINATES:  
17° 19' 55.95" N 78°  
26' 32.202" E  
(PICTURE DT  
26.07.2024)

- 5- It is to submit that, Bum Rukn ud Dowlah the heritage lake of 1770AD which entered the threshold of NGT in 2018 to stop the lake from being annihilated , is being annihilated by the day and the encroachment is being normalised.
- 6- It is prayed that the pipes and manholes be removed from the FTL of the lake.

Date: 1 AUGUST 2024  
Place: Hyderabad



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