

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL

SOUTHERN ZONE-CHENNAI

OA.No.165/2023 (SZ)

BETWEEN

Pilli Surendra Babu

...Applicant

Vs

Union of India & others

... Respondents

**SITE INSPECTION REPORT FILED IN COMPLIANCE OF THE
ORDER OF THE HONOURABLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
(SOUTHERN BENCH) CHENNAI DATED 02.02.2024 IN
O.A.NO.165 OF 2023 (SZ) IN THE MATTER OF PILLI SURENDRA
BABU VS UNION OF INDIA & OTHERS**



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MOEF & CC

SITE INSPECTION REPORT IN COMPLIANCE OF HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, SOUTH ZONE, CHENNAI ORDER DATED 02.02.2024 IN ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 165 OF 2023 (SZ) (EARLIER OA NO. 53 OF 2023 (PB)) IN THE MATTER OF PILLI SURENDRA BABU ANDHRA PRADESH VS. UNION OF INDIA REP. BY ITS SECRETARY MOEF&CC, NEW DELHI AND ORS.



**SUBMITTED TO
HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL,
SOUTH ZONE, CHENNAI.
MAY, 2024**

1.0 Preamble:

The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, South Zone, Chennai vide Order dated 02.02.2024 in Original Application No. 165 of 2023 (SZ) (Earlier OA No. 53 of 2023(PB)) in the matter of Pilli Surendra Babu, Andhra Pradesh Vs. Union of India Rep. by its Secretary MoEF&CC, New Delhi and Ors. directed to make a spot inspection and file a status report regarding illegal mining of gravel, clay and boulder being carried out in and around Kotturu Reserve Forest Area, Vijayawada Rural Mandal, NTR District.

In compliance to above directions, Dr. Suresh Babu Pasupuleti, Scientist 'D' from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Sub Office, Vijayawada has conducted site inspection of in and around Kotturu Reserve Forest Area, Vijayawada Rural Mandal, NTR District on 08.05.2024.

2.0 Present Status of Excavation:

During the day of inspection, the site inspection has carried out at the following locations:

1. 16.576617, 80.621683 (16°34'35.8"N 80°37'18.1"E)
2. 16.573441, 80.627071 (16°34'24.4"N 80°37'37.5"E)
3. 16.593279, 80.627256 (16°35'35.8"N 80°37'38.1"E)
4. 16.59168, 80.627428 (16°35'30.1"N 80°37'38.7"E)
5. 16.607353, 80.625882 (16°36'26.5"N 80°37'33.2"E)
6. 16.608172, 80.632093 (16°36'29.4"N 80°37'55.5"E)
7. 16.611091, 80.632344 (16°36'39.9"N 80°37'56.4"E)
8. 16.612415, 80.632292 (16°36'44.7"N 80°37'56.3"E)
9. 16.613129, 80.632296 (16°36'47.3"N 80°37'56.3"E)
10. 16.615247, 80.634008 (16°36'54.9"N 80°38'02.4"E)
11. 16.614803, 80.634738 (16°36'53.3"N 80°38'05.1"E)
12. 16.6173, 80.632792 (16°37'02.3"N 80°37'58.1"E)

The Satellite Image (Google Earth) of the inspected areas are as follows:

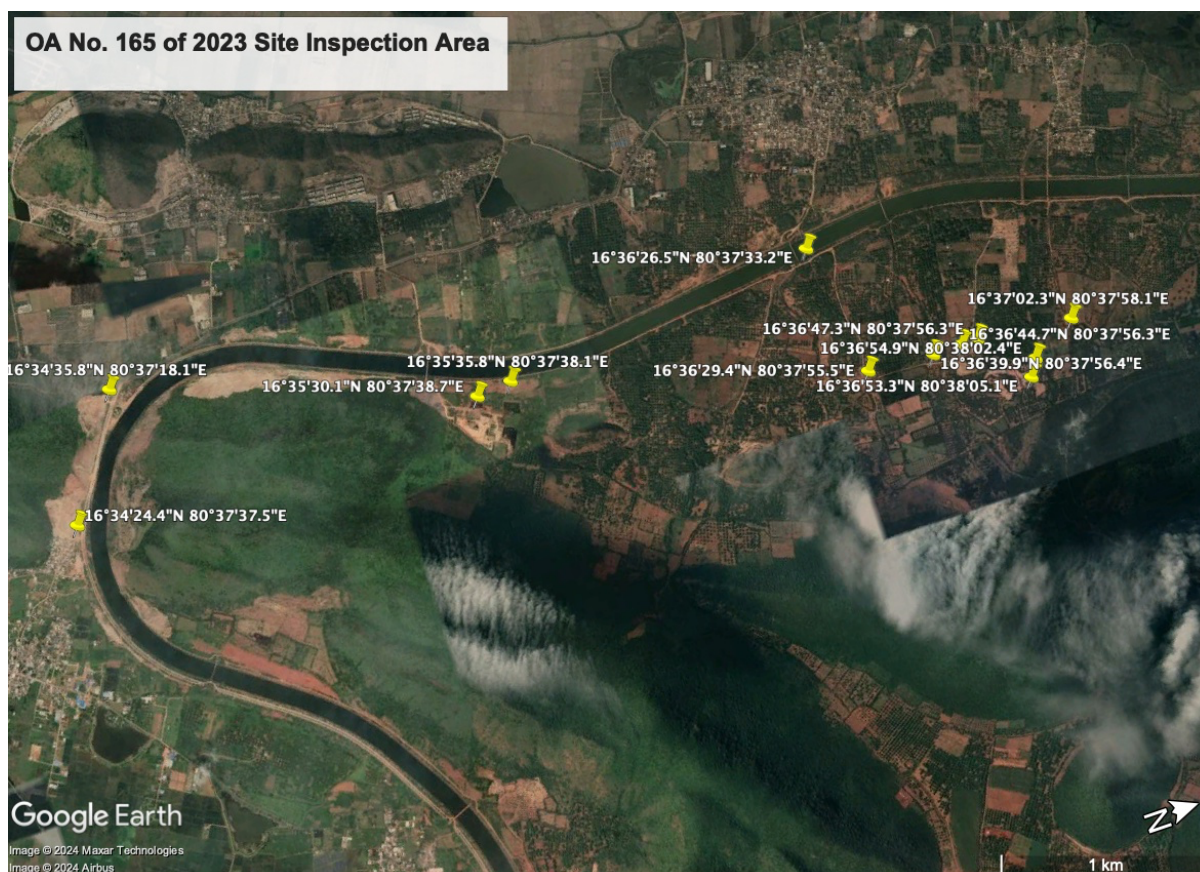


Figure 1: Satellite Image (Google Earth) of the inspected areas.

2.1 Excavation activities being continued:

During inspection, it has been observed that the excavation activities are being continued at the following areas:

1. 16.615247, 80.634008 (16°36'54.9"N 80°38'02.4"E)
2. 16.614803, 80.634738 (16°36'53.3"N 80°38'05.1"E)
3. 16.6173, 80.632792 (16°37'02.3"N 80°37'58.1"E)
4. 16.611091, 80.632344 (16°36'39.9"N 80°37'56.4"E)

Photographs taken during the visit of above site area are as follows:









Figure 2: Photographs taken during inspection of site area.

2.2 Excavation activities being discontinued:

It has been observed that the excavation activities at other inspected areas are being discontinued. Photographs are as follows:







Figure 3: Photographs taken during inspection of site area.

3.0. Conclusion:

- It has been observed that the excavation activities are being continued at the inspected areas as mentioned in Section-2.1.
- As per the discussions held with local people, it has been informed that, large quantum of excavation is discontinued since implementation of Model Code of Conduct of General Elections, 2024 in Andhra Pradesh.

Date: 09.05.2024

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