



BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL.

WESTERN ZONE BENCH. PUNE

ORIGINAL APPLICATION No. 23/2025

Lalitkumar N. Chaudhari Applicant

The Chief Secretary, Maharashtra and Ors.... Respondents

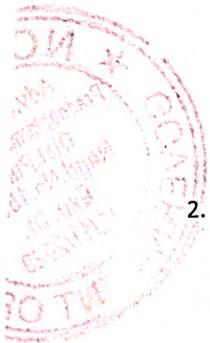
REPLY AFFIDAVIT BY RESPONDENT NO. 3.

MAHARASTRA TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

I Mr. Bharat Ramchandra Langhi, Deputy Director, Directorate of Tourism, Government of Maharashtra duly authorised to depose on behalf of the Secretary, Department of Tourism, Government of Maharashtra do hereby state on solemn affirmation as under-

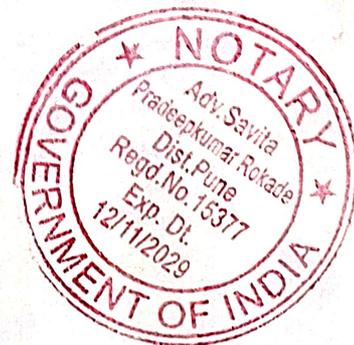
I am well conversant with the facts of the present case and I am competent to swear this Affidavit based upon the records available with this office.

1. It is submitted that at the very outset this respondent denies each averment made in the present application which is contrary to and inconsistent with the averments made and facts stated in the present reply. It is submitted that nothing stated in the application may be deemed to have been admitted by this respondent unless and until the same has been admitted by the respondent.
2. Present Application challenges the alleged illegal and environmentally destructive activities at Waghur Dam which is situated at Mouje Garkheda at Gat No. 121 Old. Shingait Shivar. Taluka: Jamner. District-Jalgaon. It is further alleged this is a project of the



Tourism Department of the State of Maharashtra and is undertaken on the Island in the Waghur Dam and these activities contravene multiple environmental laws, disrupt biodiversity, and degrade the natural habitat in the Waghur Dam catchment area.

3. At the outset, it is submitted that the role of the Department of Tourism in the aforementioned area is confined solely to granting administrative approval, in accordance with applicable government norms and procedures. Various administrative approvals relating to different activities in the said area were granted from the year 2019 as mentioned in the table annexed as ANNEXURE-1.
4. The Public Works Department (PWD) has been designated as the Executing Agency for the said project, and bears exclusive responsibility for execution, implementation, and compliance with all statutory and regulatory conditions. This includes obtaining necessary permissions and No Objection Certificates (NOCs) from competent authorities, and ensuring adherence to the conditions prescribed in the administrative approval.
5. The Department of Tourism has no role or authority in the issuance of work orders, supervision of execution, or enforcement of compliance with contractual or environmental obligations. All such functions fall within the domain of the PWD, which engages contractors and monitors execution.
6. The conditions set forth in the Administrative Approval Letter are binding upon the Executing Agency (PWD) and its appointed contractors, and it is their sole duty to ensure strict compliance therewith.
7. This respondent submits this affidavit for the purpose of clarifying the limited scope and responsibility of the Department of Tourism in the present matter.
8. This respondent craves leave to file any additional reply as and when required. It is respectfully prayed that the present respondent shall abide by any orders and directions issued by the Hon'ble Tribunal.



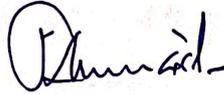
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Whatever is stated above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, ability and belief
and I affirm it to be true.

Place -Mumbai.

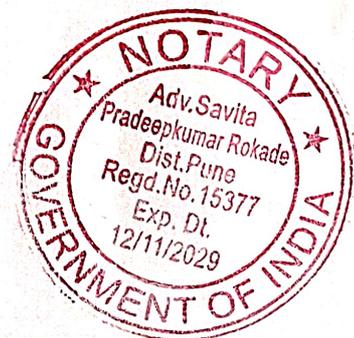
Date -27/11/2015

Deponent



(Bharat RamchandraLanghi)

Deputy Director, Directorate of Tourism.
Authorised Representative of the Principal Secretary.
Department of Tourism.
Government of Maharashtra



VERIFICATION

IBharat RamchandraLanghi, Deputy Director, Directorate of Tourism.Government of Maharashtra duly authorised to depose on behalf of the Principal Secretary.Department of Tourism, Government of Maharashtra Mumbai – 400 032 do hereby verify and declare that the statements made in the aforesaid paras are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and information and I believe the same to be true and that no material is has been concealed therefrom.

Solemnly affirmed on this 27th day of November2025 at Mumbai.

Deponent

(Bharat RamchandraLanghi)
Deputy Director. Directorate of Tourism,
Authorized Representative of the Principal Secretary.
Department of Tourism.
Government of Maharashtra



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महाराष्ट्र शासन
जिल्हा नियोजन समिती,
जिल्हाधिकारी कार्यालय, जळगाव

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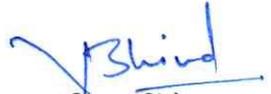
प्रति,
कक्ष अधिकारी,
महाराष्ट्र शासन, पर्यटन व सांस्कृतिक कार्य विभाग,
मंत्रालय, मुंबई - 32

विषय : प्रादेशिक पर्यटन विकास योजनेतर्गत गारखेडा ता. जामनेर जि. जळगाव येथील वाघुर धरण बँक वॉटर परिसरात मंजूर कामांची माहिती सादर करणेबाबत.

संदर्भ : महाराष्ट्र शासन, पर्यटन व सांस्कृतिक कार्य विभाग, मंत्रालय, मुंबई शासन पत्र क्र. न्यायप्र 2025/03/प्र.क्र. 50/पर्यटन-1 दि. 12 ऑगस्ट 2025.

उपरोक्त विषयास अनुसरून संदर्भिय पत्रान्वये M/s Lalitkumar N. Chaudhari यांनी The state of Maharashtra and others यांच्या विरोधात National Green Tribunal (WZ) Pune येथे याचिका (याचिक क्र. 23/2025) दाखल केलेली आहे. सदर याचिकेच्या अनुषंगाने प्रादेशिक पर्यटन विकास योजनेतर्गत गारखेडा ता. जामनेर जि. जळगाव येथील वाघुर धरण बँक वॉटर परिसरात मंजूर कामांची माहिती शासनास सादर करण्याचे निर्देश प्राप्त झाले आहेत. त्यानुषंगाने प्रादेशिक पर्यटन विकास योजनेतर्गत गारखेडा ता. जामनेर जि. जळगाव येथे वाघुर धरण बँक वॉटर परिसरात मंजूर कामांची यादी या पत्रासोबत सादर करण्यात येत आहे. कृपया स्वीकृत होणेस विनंती.

सोबत : माहिती


(विजय शिंदे)
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प्रत : उपसंचालक, पर्यटन संचालनालय, नाशिक यांना माहितीस्तव सादर.

अ.क्र.	शासन निर्णय दिनांक	कामाचे नाव	मंजुरीचे वर्ष	प्रशासकीय मापदंडा रक्कम (रु. साखळत)	वितरित निधी (रु. साखळत)	कार्यान्वयन यंत्रणा	कामाची सध्यास्थिती
1	शासन निर्णय 2019/07/प्र.क्र.485/पर्यटन दि.11/09/2019	गारखेडा तालुका जामनेर येथील पुरातन श्रावण मंदीर जुने शिंगायत शिवार येथे वायुर बँक वॉटर परिसरात पायाभूत सुविधांचा विकास करणे.	2019-20	362.94	362.94	कार्यकारी अभियंता, सावर्जनिक बांधकाम विभाग, जळगाव	काम पूर्ण
2	शा.नि.टिडीएस 2022/03/ प्र.क्र.206/ पर्यटन, दि.29, मार्च 2022 (संजुी चा GR) /शा.नि.टिडीएस 2022/07/ प्र.क्र.413/ पर्यटन, दि.05/12/2022 (स्थगिती उठविल्याचा GR)	गारखेडा ता. जामनेर येथील ऐतिहासिक पुरातन श्रावण मंदीर येथे पर्यटकां निवार बांधकाम करणे वि. जळगाव	2021-22	481.00	481.00	कार्यकारी अभियंता, सावर्जनिक बांधकाम विभाग, जळगाव	काम पूर्ण
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4	शा.नि.टिडीएस 2022/03/ प्र.क्र.206/ पर्यटन, दि.29, मार्च 2022 (संजुी चा GR) /शा.नि.टिडीएस 2022/07/ प्र.क्र.413/ पर्यटन, दि.05/12/2022 (स्थगिती उठविल्याचा GR)	गारखेडा ता. जामनेर (जुने शिंगायत शिवार) येथे वायुर धरण बँक वॉटर परिसरात हाऊसबोट पुरविणे	2021-22	495.00	495.00	कार्यकारी अभियंता, सावर्जनिक बांधकाम विभाग, जळगाव	काम पूर्ण
5	टिडीसी 2023/08/ प्र.क्र.346/पर्यटन, दि.10/08/2023	मौजे गारखेडा येथील जुने शिंगायत शिवार येथे पर्यटकांसाठी मुलभूत सुविधा व सुशोभिकरण करणे	2023-24	200.00	200.00	कार्यकारी अभियंता, सावर्जनिक बांधकाम विभाग, जळगाव	काम पूर्ण
6	दि.10/08/2023	मौजे गारखेडा येथील जुने शिंगायत शिवार येथे सभामंडप व सांस्कृतिक भवन करणे	2023-24	200.00	200.00	कार्यकारी अभियंता, सावर्जनिक बांधकाम विभाग, जळगाव	काम पूर्ण
8	दि.10/08/2023	मौजे गारखेडा येथील जुने शिंगायत शिवार येथे पर्यटकांसाठी अतिरीक्त Executive Delux Villa Cottage Suita चे बांधकाम करणे (Construction of Development work , water supply work , electric work)	2023-24	200.00	200.00	कार्यकारी अभियंता, सावर्जनिक बांधकाम विभाग, जळगाव	काम पूर्ण
9	दिनांक 10/11/2023	वायुर धरण (जुने शिंगायत शिवार) Back Water परिसरात बॉटिंग व्यवथा व डॅट सिटी, परिसर सुशोभिकरण करणे, ता. वि. जळगाव	2023-24	500.00	0.00	कार्यकारी अभियंता, सावर्जनिक बांधकाम विभाग, जळगाव	काम प्रगतीत
10	दिनांक 09/02/2024	मौजे गारखेडा येथील जुने शिंगायत शिवार येथे पर्यटकांसाठी मुलभूत सुविधा व सुशोभिकरण करणे	2023-24	300.00	300.00	कार्यकारी अभियंता, सावर्जनिक बांधकाम विभाग, जळगाव	काम पूर्ण
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12	दिनांक 09/02/2024	मौजे गारखेडा येथील जुने शिंगायत शिवार येथे पर्यटकांसाठी अतिरिक्त Executive Deluxe Villa Cottage suita चे बांधकाम करणे	2023-24	300.00	300.00	कार्यकारी अभियंता, सावर्जनिक बांधकाम विभाग, जळगाव	काम पूर्ण
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जिल्हा : जळगाव



जिल्हा निवोजन अधिकारी

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Date : 14/08/2025

To,
The Section Officer,
Government of Maharashtra,
Tourism and Cultural Affairs Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai - 32.

Subject : Regarding the submission of information on approved works in the Waghur Dam Backwater area at Garkheda, Taluka Jamner, District Jalgaon, under the Regional Tourism Development Scheme.

Reference : Government of Maharashtra, Tourism and Cultural Affairs Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai
Government Letter No. Nyaypra 2025/03/P.K. 50/Tourism-1, dated 12 August 2025.

With reference to the above subject, a petition (Petition No. 23/2025) has been filed by M/s Lalitkumar N. Chaudhari against The State of Maharashtra and others in the National Green Tribunal (WZ) Pune, as per the reference letter. In view of the said petition, instructions have been received to submit information to the Government regarding the approved works in the Waghur Dam Backwater area at Garkheda, Taluka Jamner, District Jalgaon, under the Regional Tourism Development Scheme. Accordingly, the list of approved works in the Waghur Dam Backwater area at Garkheda, Taluka Jamner, District Jalgaon, under the Regional Tourism Development Scheme is being submitted along with this letter.

Kindly accept the same.

Encl : Required Information



(Vijay Shinde)
District Planning Officer
District Planning Committee, Jalgaon

Details of sanctioned works in the Waghur Dam Back Water area at Garkheda, Jamner Taluka, under the Regional Tourism Development

Scheme. District : Jalgaon

Sr.No.	G.R. Date	Work Title	Sacntion Year	Admin Approval Amount (In Lakhs)	Fund Released (In Lakhs)	Implementing Agency	Work Status
1	GR 2019/07/प्र.क्र.485/पर्यटन दि.11 /09/2019	Development of basic infrastructure facilities at the ancient Shriram Temple located in the old Shingayat Shivār, Waghur Bank Water area, Garkheda , Jamner Taluka.	2019-20	362.94	362.94	Executive Engineer, Public Works Department , Jalgaon	Work Complete
2	GR टिडीएस 2022/03/ प्र.क्र.206/ पर्यटन, दि.29,मार्च 2022 (मंजूरी चा GR) /शा.नि टिडीएस 2022/07/ प्र.क्र.413/ पर्यटन, दि.05/12/2022 (स्थगिती उठविल्याचा GR)	Construction of a tourist shelter at the historical ancient Shriram Temple located in Garkheda , Jamner Taluka.	2021-22	481.00	481.00	Executive Engineer, Public Works Department , Jalgaon	Work Complete
3	GR टिडीएस 2022/03/ प्र.क्र.206/ पर्यटन, दि.29,मार्च 2022 (मंजूरी चा GR) /शा.नि टिडीएस 2022/07/ प्र.क्र.413/ पर्यटन, दि.05/12/2022 (स्थगिती उठविल्याचा GR)	Construction of a Villa Cottage in the Waghur Dam Back Water area at Garkheda , Jamner Taluka (Old Shingayat Shivar)."	2021-22	498.00	498.00	Executive Engineer, Public Works Department , Jalgaon	Work Complete
4	GRटिडीएस 2022/03/ प्र.क्र.206/ पर्यटन, दि.29,मार्च 2022 (मंजूरी चा GR) /शा.नि टिडीएस 2022/07/ प्र.क्र.413/ पर्यटन, दि.05/12/2022 (स्थगिती उठविल्याचा GR)	Providing a Houseboat in the Waghur Dam Back Water area at Garkheda , Jamner Taluka (Old Shingayat Shivār).	2021-22	495.00	495.00	Executive Engineer, Public Works Department , Jalgaon	Work Complete
5	टिडीसी 2023/08/ प्रक्र.346/पर्यटन, Date 10/08/2023	Providing basic facilities and beautification for tourists at Jūne Shingayat Shivar in Mauje Garkheda .	2023-24	200.00	200.00	Executive Engineer, Public Works Department , Jalgaon	Work Complete
6	Date 10/08/2023	Construction of a Community Hall (Sabhamandap) and Cultural Center (Sanskritik Bhavan) at Jūne Shingāyat Shivār in Mauje Garkheda .	2023-24	200.00	200.00	Executive Engineer, Public Works Department , Jalgaon	Work Complete
7	Date 10/08/2023	Construction of an additional building (or facility) for tourists at Old Shingauyatt Shivarr in Mauje Garkheda." Executive Delux Villa Cottage Suita (Construction of Development work, water supply work, electric work)	2023-24	200.00	200.00	Executive Engineer, Public Works Department , Jalgaon	Work Complete
8	Date 10/08/2023	Construction of a Jetty for boating and provision of parking facilities at Old Shingayat Shivar in Mauje Garkheda.(Construction of Development work, water supply work, electric work)	2023-24	200.00	200.00	Executive Engineer, Public Works Department , Jalgaon	Work Complete
9	Date 10/11/2023	Provision of boating facilities and a Tent City, and beautification of the area in the Waghur Dam (Old Shingayat Shivar) Back Water area, Taluka and District Jalgaon.	2023-24	500.00	0.00	Executive Engineer, Public Works Department , Jalgaon	Work in progress
10	Date 09/02/2024	Providing basic facilities and beautification for tourists at Jūne Shingayat Shivar in Mauje Garkheda."	2023-24	300.00	300.00	Executive Engineer, Public Works Department , Jalgaon	Work Complete
11	Date 09/02/2024	Construction of a Jetty and parking facility for tourists at Jūne Shingayat Shivar in Mauje Garkheda, District Jalgaon.	2023-24	300.00	300.00	Executive Engineer, Public Works Department , Jalgaon	Work Complete
12	Date 09/02/2024	Construction of an additional Executive Deluxe Villa Cottage suite/block/extension for tourists at Old Shingayat Shivar in Mauje Garkheda.	2023-24	300.00	300.00	Executive Engineer, Public Works Department , Jalgaon	Work Complete
13	Date 09/02/2024	Construction of a Community Hall (Sabhamandap) and Cultural Center (Sanskritik Bhavan) for tourists at Old Shingayat Shivar in Mauje Garkheda, District Jalgaon.	2023-24	300.00	300.00	Executive Engineer, Public Works Department , Jalgaon	Work Complete
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