

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN
TRIBUNAL,
WESTERN ZONE BENCH, PUNE**

**ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 23 OF 2024 (WZ)
WITH
I.A. NO.51/2024 IN O.A. NO.23/2024**

Naresh Chhetija & Anr.

.... Applicants

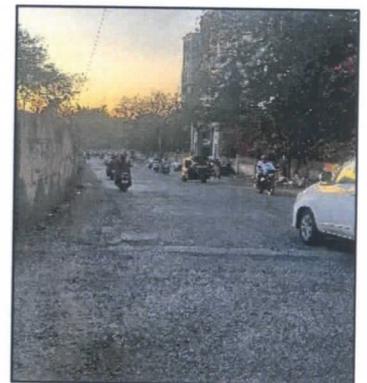
v/s

Maharashtra State Bio-Diversity Board & Ors. Respondents

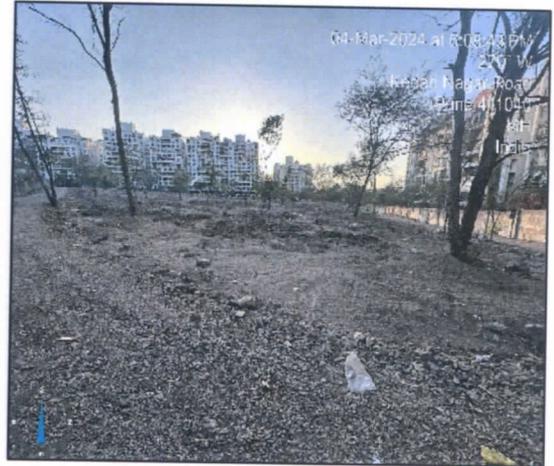
**Report of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board in
compliance of the Hon'ble NGT Orders dated 29.01.2024
and 05.03.2024.**

1. The Applicants Shri Naresh Chhetija & Ms. Swati Chhetija, both r/o B-703, Naren Hills Cooperative Housing Society, Azad Nagar, Wanwadi, Pune have made a Complaint dated 01.01.2024, which was registered by this Hon'ble Tribunal as an Original Application bearing No.23/2024 alleging that Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board, Pune should be directed to stop all developmental work which involves deforestation of protected green forest land and opening it for general public at Wanwadi, Pune, submitting further therein that just 500 meters away from the forest land is Anandvan-garden, which is already open for general public for walks, yoga, meditation, etc.

2. In the said matter, the Hon'ble NGT vide order dated 29.01.2024 directed the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) to submit a report about the truthfulness of the contents of the aforesaid complaint and the action taken at their end.
3. In compliance of the Hon'ble NGT Order dtd.29.01.2024, the Official of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board at Pune visited the forest land nearby Naren Hills Cooperative Housing Society, Azad Nagar, Wanawadi Pune on 04.03.2024 and observed as follows:
 - i. In order to enquire about the aforesaid project visited to the Range Forest Office, Azad Nagar, Wanawadi, however, Range Forest Officer was not available at the time of visit. During the telephonic discussion with Range Forest Officer, he informed that they are developing one hector of forest land under Regional Tourist Scheme of Govt. of Maharashtra. In the said project, they are going to develop a nature trail, small ponds and will carry out 1000 tree plantation of native plants.
 - ii. During the visit, it was observed that M/s. Naren Hills Cooperative Housing Society is in front of the said project. There is 15–20 meter road between the said project and society.
 - iii. It was observed that the Forest Department has started developing the said one hector area and started



construction of nature walk, digging hole for tree plantation. Constructed one water tank and one bore-well in the premises. Presently about 30 to 40 small and big trees were observed in the said project area.



Compound wall of Forest land



Boare-well



- iv. At the time of the visit, no tree cutting was observed at site.
- v. The said plot is surrounded with societies towards West and North side and forest area towards South-East side.
- vi. Garbage hips nearby said project was not observed.

A copy of the visit report is enclosed herewith and marked as an **Annexure-I**.

For and on behalf of Maharashtra
Pollution Control Board

Kartikya Langote
20/3/24

Place: Pune
Date : 20/03/2024

(Kartikya Langote)
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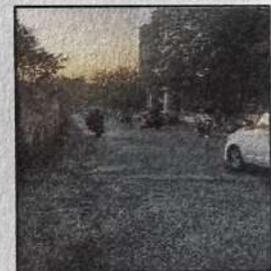
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Pune- 411003.

Field Visit Report

This office has received the Hon'ble NGT order dated 29.01.2024 in OA No. 23 of 2024 (WZ). In the said order, Hon'ble NGT has directed MPCB to submit the report regarding allegation made in the complaint.

With reference to above order, as per directives of Sub-regional Officer, Pune-1, visit was paid to forest land nearby Naren Hills Cooperative Housing Society, Azad Nagar, Wanawadi Pune on 04.03.2024 at 5:30 p.m. During visit following observations were made.

1. Visited to Range Forest Office, Azad Nagar, Wanawadi to enquire about the project. Mr. Suresh Warak, Range Forest Officer, was not available in the office. The Range Forest Officer on phone called stated that they are developing the one hector of forest land under Regional Tourist Scheme of Govt. of Maharashtra. In the said project, they are going to develop the nature trail, small ponds and will carry out 1000 tree plantation of Native plants.
2. During visit it is observed that M/s. Naren Hills Cooperative Housing Society is located in front of said project. There is one 15–20-meter road between the said project and society.
3. Forest department has started developing the said one hector area and initiated for construction of nature walk, digging the hole for tree plantation. Constructed one water tank and taken one bore-well in the premises. Presently about 30 to 40 small and big trees were observed in the said project area.





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4. At the time of visit, no tree cutting was observed at site.
5. The said plot is surrounded with the societies towards West and North side and forest area towards South-East side.
6. Garbage hips nearby said project was not observed.

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