

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY JOINT COMMITTEE

SUB: Original Application No.135 OF 2024 (WZ) on the basis of the news item titled “7 flamingos spotted near DPS Lake Wetland killed activists blame CIDCO’s development plan” appearing in ‘The Indian Express’ dated 28.04.2024.

REF: 1) Hon’ble National Green Tribunal Order dated 11.7.2025
2) Joint Committee report dated 12.12.2025 submitted to Hon’ble NGT, Pune
3) Hon’ble National Green Tribunal Order dated 6.1.2026

INTRODUCTION

The Original Application No.135 OF 2024 (WZ) pertains to news item titled “7 flamingos spotted near DPS Lake Wetland killed activists blame CIDCO’s development plan” appearing in ‘The Indian Express’ dated 28.04.2024.

Hon’ble NGT earlier directed that Joint Committee comprising of members/representatives from office of 1) Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, 2) Maharashtra State Wetland Authority and 3) Collector & District Magistrate Thane shall submit the report in the matter. Accordingly, the Joint Committee visited the site on 31.10.2025 and submitted its report dated 12.12.2025 to Hon’ble NGT.

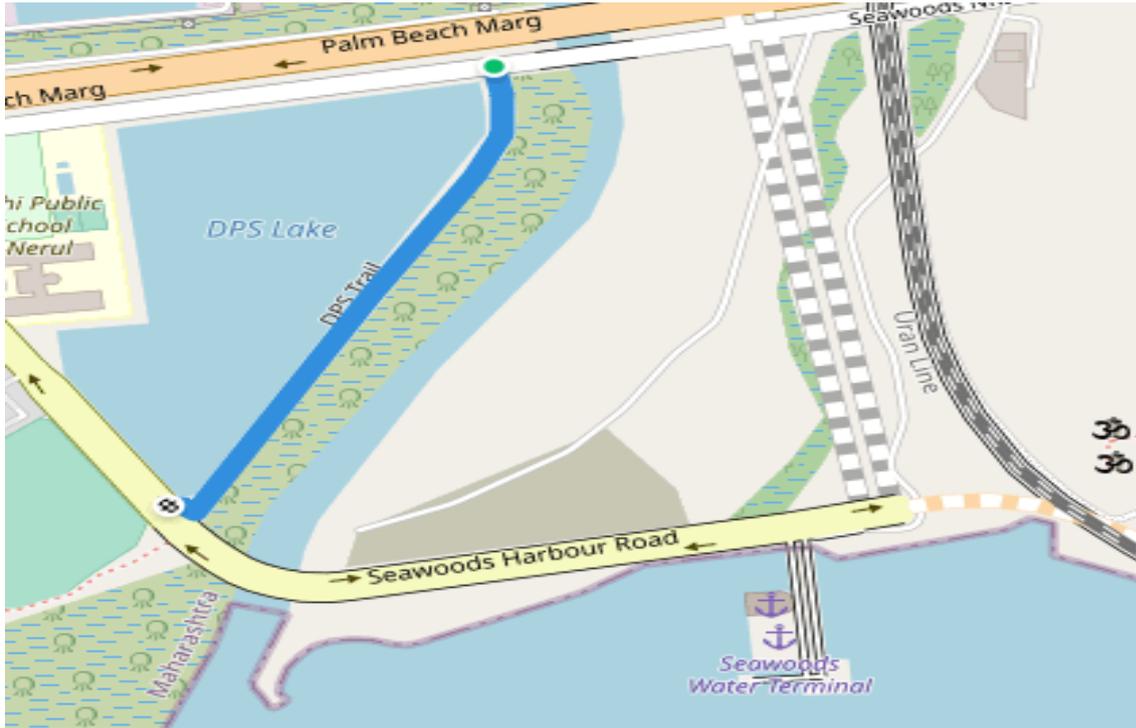
Now, the Hon’ble has passed an Order dated 6.1.2026 in the Original Application No.135 of 2024 (WZ) which observes and directs as follows-

‘We fail to visualize as to which pipeline is being referred here. There is no photograph of the site in question annexed nor has any such sketch been drawn in support of the Joint Committee Report. Therefore, without the sketch of the site in question, this report is difficult to be appreciated. In view of that, we direct that supplementary report be submitted by the Joint Committee, along-with the photographs of the site in question and also proper layout indicating the location of the said pipeline, so that Joint Committee Report can be better appreciated. This supplementary report shall be submitted by the Joint Committee within four weeks’

SITE VISIT BY JOINT COMMITTEE

Pursuant to above said orders of the Hon’ble NGT, Pune, the Joint Committee visited the site of DPS lake on 30th January, 2026 at 11.30 am in order to clarify the ground situation with supporting photographs and layout indicating the location of the said pipeline, as directed by the Hon’ble NGT.

Pictorial tentative representation showing DPS Lake and surrounding area



Google image of the DPS Lake and its 3 pin locations of the pipes



OBSERVATIONS WITH SITE PHOTOGRAPHS

The Joint Committee walked along the DPS Lake and visited the 3 locations of the pipe inlets which are located across the DPS Lake.

Location No. 1:- (19°0'14.6052"N 73°1'12.3204"E)

Upstream of pipe across DPS Lake –

Water was observed flowing from Lakeside to Creek.



Pipe at downstream of DPS Lake –

Water was observed flowing from Lakeside to Creek



Location No. 2:- (19°00'21.5"N, 73°01'16.5"E)

Upstream of pipe across DPS Lake –

Water was observed flowing from Lakeside to Creek.



Pipe at downstream of DPS Lake –

Water was observed flowing from Lakeside to Creek



Location No.3:

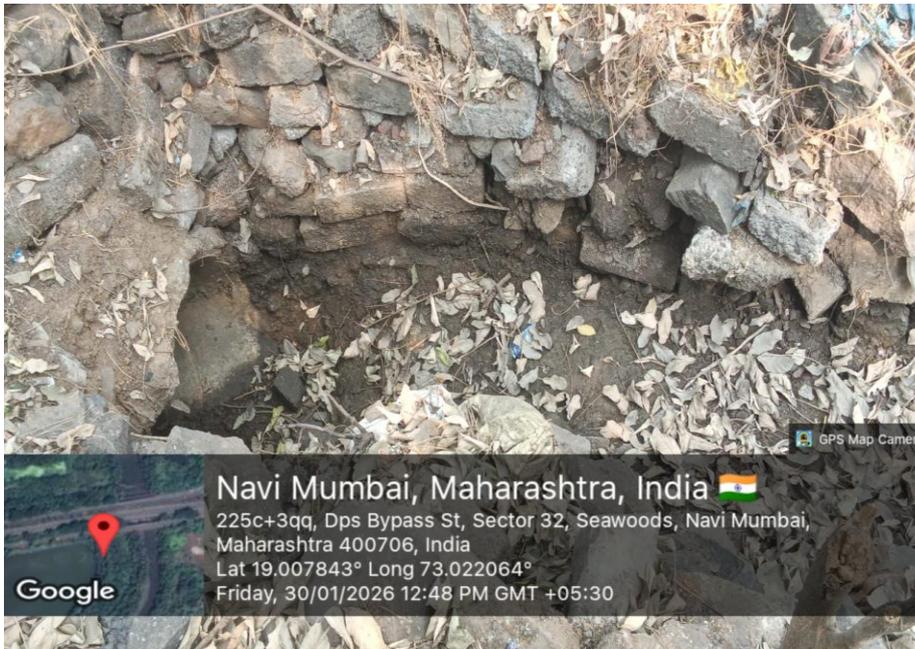
Upstream of pipe across DPS lake – (19°00'27"N, 73°01'18"E)

Water is not reaching to the pipe & not free flowing.
It has no proper channel and the pipe is placed above the lake water.



Downstream pipe across DPS Lake –

Water is not reaching to the pipe & not free flowing.
It has no proper channel and the pipe is placed above the lake water.



During the visit, Forest officials noted that, from above mentioned location No.1 & Location No. 2 water flows in low pressure from DPS Lake to Creek side at low tide time period. So its result in stagnancy of water in DPS Lake which leads to growing of blue green algae on the surface of water.

In compliance to the Hon'ble NGT order dated 6.1.2026, issues flagged at para no. 3 are clarified and compliance to it is submitted. The geo-tagged photographs of site in question has taken again in compliance to the said order.

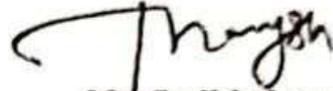
The Joint Committee constituted members/ representatives from office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Maharashtra State Wetland Authority and District Collector & District Magistrate Thane has visited the site on 30.1.2026 from 11.30 to 1.00 pm. This supplementary report is submitted in continuation with earlier report.



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