

Item No. 08

Court No. 1

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

Original Application No. 127/2023

Dr. Abid Ali Khan

Applicant

Versus

State of Rajasthan

Respondent

Date of hearing: 15.02.2023

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ADARSH KUMAR GOEL, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

ORDER

1. Grievance in this application is against proposed Sambhar festival between 17 – 19 February, 2023 at Sambhar Lake near Jaipur. This will involve activities like kite flying, paragliding, motorcycle expedition etc. According to the applicant such activities will adversely affect migratory birds and natural habitat of the lake which is a Ramsar site, particularly on account of use of loudspeakers.
2. Having regard to the above, we find it necessary to direct the Chief Secretary, Rajasthan to address the grievance in coordination with State Wetland Authority, PCCF (Wildlife), Rajasthan, District Magistrate, Jaipur and Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Jaipur. If it is found that the festival at the proposed location will adversely impact the birds or natural habitat of the lake, the festivities may be shifted to any other location where such problem may not arise. Decision in the matter may be taken and placed on the website of the State by 5:00 p.m. on 16.02.2023

as the festival is to commence from 17.02.2023. A copy of the decision may also be sent to Registrar General of this Tribunal by e-mail.

The application is disposed of.

A copy of this order be forwarded to the Chief Secretary, Rajasthan to address the grievance in coordination with State Wetland Authority, PCCF (Wildlife), Rajasthan, District Magistrate, Jaipur and Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC at Jaipur by e-mail for compliance.

Adarsh Kumar Goel, CP

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

February 15, 2023
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