

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

(Through Physical Hearing with Hybrid VC Option)
Original Application No. 598/2022

Dr. T. Patanjali Sastry

...Applicant

Versus

State of Andhra Pradesh and others

...Respondents

Date of hearing: 16.01.2023

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, JUDICIAL MEMBER.
HON'BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER.**

Applicant: Mr. Sravan Kumar, Advocate.

Respondent: Mr. Shalabh Gupta, Advocate for respondent no. 2.

Application is registered based on a Letter Petition received by Post.

ORDER

1. Dr. T Patanjali Sastry has sent to this Tribunal by email the present letter petition, which has been treated and registered as original application, complaining that due to nexus of the politicians and vested interests, the precious wetland ecosystem of Kolleru wetland has been wiped out and neither volumes of Environmental legislations nor the orders of the Supreme Court of India could save the lake's degradation.

2. Vide order dated 20.09.2022, notices were ordered to be issued to the respondents no. 1 to 7 requiring them to file their response/ reply to the averments made in the application within two month.

3. As per office report notices were duly served. None has appeared on behalf of 1 and 3 to 7.

4. Learned Counsel for the respondent no. 2 has submitted that identical *Original Application No. 03/2023 titled as Dr. Patanjali Sasrty Vs Union of India* has been filed before Southern Bench of this Tribunal which is still pending.

5. We are of the considered view that the present application be transferred to the Southern Bench of this Tribunal at Chennai and tagged with aforementioned O.A No. 03/2023.

6. It will be appropriate if the present application and *Original Application No. 03/2023 titled as Dr. Patanjali Sasrty Vs Union of India* are heard together. In view of the above the present application is ordered to be placed before the Hon'ble Chairperson for appropriate orders.

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

January 16.2023
AG