

(Pune Bench)

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
WESTERN ZONE BENCH, PUNE**

[Through Physical Hearing (with Hybrid Option)]

**LETTER PETITION NO.67 OF 2023
(Complaint of November, 2023 Received on 20.11.2023)**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DINESH KUMAR SINGH, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. VIJAY KULKARNI, EXPERT MEMBER**

ORDER

1. Perused the report of learned Registrar dated 28.11.2023 on a complaint of November, 2023, received by the Registry of this Tribunal on 20.11.2023, made by the villagers of Cola and Agonda,, Canacona, South Goa in respect of illegal excavation and cutting of trees at Paryemol Cola in Survey No.23/1, without any permission rendering the said land barren and causing irreparable loss to the local rich flora and fauna. It is also alleged that the reckless excavation of soil poses a direct threat to natural spring there, which is a primary drinking water source for thousands of individuals. The excavation process is resulting in continuous noise pollution to the local residents and hardly at a distance of 130 meters from there, local primary school is located. All these activities of excavation and tree felling are going on without any legal permission.

2. Considering the facts stated in the complaint, we deem it appropriate to call for a report from the Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) as to the truthfulness of the contents of the aforesaid complaint and the action taken at their end, if any, within four weeks.

3. This report shall be submitted by the GSPCB by e-mail at ngt-pune@gov.in preferably in the form of searchable PDF/OCR Support PDF and not in the form of Image PDC, within a period of four weeks.

4. A copy of this order along with the copy of complaint be sent to the above mentioned Authority i.e. GSPCB for compliance as above.

5. The Registry is directed to register this Letter Petition as Original Application.

Dinesh Kumar Singh, JM

Date : 02.12.2023

Dr. Vijay Kulkarni, EM