

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

Inward No. NGT/WZ/Pune/387/2023
Dated 03.05.2023
(Complaint dated 12.04.2023)

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

ORDER

1. Perused the report of the learned Registrar dated 12.05.2023 with respect to a complaint/letter received from Advocate Shri C.G. Patil regarding illegal cutting of mangroves in an area of about 30 to 40 acres of land near bay in the coastal area of Murud Janjira Municipal Council near Muslim Crematorium. The names of persons, who are involved in the illegal cutting of mangroves, are not mentioned.
2. *Prima facie*, we find substance in the complaint and allegations made therein. Therefore, we deem it appropriate to call for a report from the Member Secretary, Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority (MCZMA) with respect to the truthfulness of this complaint made to us, which shall be verified after visiting the spot by the responsible Officers of MCZMA.
3. This report shall be submitted by the Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority (MCZMA) within a period of four weeks.
4. A copy of this order along-with the copy of complaint be sent to the Member Secretary, Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority (MCZMA) for compliance as above.

Dinesh Kumar Singh, JM

Date: 04-07-2023

Dr. Vijay Kulkarni, EM