

Item No.2:

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI**

(Through Video Conference)

**Original Application No.242 of 2021 (SZ) &
I.A. No.203 of 2022 (SZ)**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Tejah Balantrapu,
Hyderabad and Ors.

...Applicant(s)

Versus

Union of India,
Rep. by its Secretary,
MoEF&CC, New Delhi and Ors.

...Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 23.12.2022.

CORAM:

HON'BLE Smt. JUSTICE PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA, JUDICIAL MEMBER

HON'BLE Dr. SATYAGOPAL KORLAPATI, EXPERT MEMBER

For Applicant(s):

Mr. A. Yogeshwaran.

For Respondent(s):

Mr. G.M. Syed Nurullah Sheriff for R1.

Mr. Su. Srinivasan for R2.

ORDER

1. This interlocutory application [I.A. No.203 of 2022 (SZ)] is for advancing the hearing, otherwise the Original Application is posted on 11.01.2023.
2. The learned counsel appearing for the applicant has produced the newspaper "The Hindu" dated 15.12.2022 wherein, it is reported that **"Work on widening of NH - 163 begins, triggering realty boom in the area"**.
3. The application itself was originally filed for not cutting the Banyan Trees on the stretch of NH - 163 between the Hyderabad and Manneguda. Though the news report says that it is only the widening work had begun, the learned counsel who is representing Mr. Su. Srinivasan states that only the eviction process is going on and cutting of trees is not happening, as this Tribunal has already warned them not to cut the trees. Today, he also states that the Hon'ble High Court of Telangana had granted an order of Status Quo.
4. It may be that either the Irrigation Department or the Public Works Department which would be doing the eviction process on behalf of the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI). Whichever may be the department, the concern is only to save the Banyan trees on the stretch. **Therefore, it is made clear that none of the Banyan trees on the stretch should be axed, pending disposal of this Original Application.**

5. Let the matter be listed on its original course i.e. on 11.01.2023 and I.A. No.203 of 2022 (SZ) is closed.

Sd/-

Smt. Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana, JM

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Dr. Satyagopal Korlapati, EM

O.A. No.242/2021 (SZ)
I.A. No.203/2022 (SZ)
23rd December 2022. Mn.

