

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL,
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI
Original Application No. 161 of 2016
And
Original Application No. 162 of 2016**

IN THE MATTER OF :

**Dr. Amandeep Aggarwal Vs. State of Punjab & Ors.
And**

Peacock Environment & Wild Life Protection Society Vs. State of Punjab

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SWATANTER KUMAR, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. NAMBIAR, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE PROF. A.R. YOUSUF, EXPERT MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. B.S. SAJWAN, EXPERT MEMBER**

**Present: Applicant: Mr. S. K. Bhattacharya, Amicus Curiae.
Mr. Ritwick Dutta, Mr. Rahul choudhary,
Mr.Saurabh Sharma, and Ms. Meera Gopal,Advs.
For Applicant
Respondent No.1 Mr. Naginder Beniwal, Advs.
Respondent No. 2: Mr. Anil Grover, AAG with Mr. Rahul Khurana,
Adv.
Mr. Anil Soni, AAG**

	Date and Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
	<p>Item Nos. 16 & 17 May 19, 2016 jg</p>	<p>The Learned Counsel appearing for the State of Punjab prays for further time to take instructions on various aspects that have been deliberated upon before the Tribunal today.</p> <p>The Learned Counsel appearing for the Applicant has brought to our notice that there is indiscriminate cutting of trees in the State of Punjab at various road widening projects and canal banks. The Applicant also submits that they are cutting trees without proper permission and carrying on with the projects without Forest Clearance. Further according to him there is no step being taken for afforestation. Even the photographs of a reported news items published in 'Tribune News Service, Chandigarh' dated 6th May has been brought to the notice of the Tribunal which shows that there is unscientific removal of trees and huge trees are thrown on the road side. There is no effort made for transplantation of trees much less of compensatory afforestation. This is particularly relates to Nawashahar and Jalanddar Districts. The Learned Counsel appearing for the State of</p>

Punjab has not disputed with the facts. In light of the above, we hereby restrain the State of Punjab, any Project Proponent, Various Authorities and Departments of State of Punjab from felling and cutting of any tree in the entire State of Punjab without specific permission of the Tribunal.

The State of Punjab shall also state before us as to the extent of afforestation done by the State in the last 5 years, year wise, district wise and scheme wise and state as to how many trees have been felled in various part of the State together with survival thereof. They shall produce the original records pertaining to the grant of permission for felling trees particularly in respect of Nawashahar and Jalandhar Districts referred to above. The Tree Authority or as senior Officer of the State Government shall also be present before the Tribunal on the next date of hearing. The Affidavit on the above lines would be filed by the Principal Secretary of the concerned Department of the State of Punjab.

The Learned Counsel appearing for the State of Haryana submits that none of the land which is subject matter of the present applications pertains to the State of Haryana and, therefore, the State of Haryana should be deleted from the array of the parties in Original Application No.161 of 2016. The Learned Counsel appearing for the applicant has no objection. Consequently, in exercise of our power vested under Order 1 Rule 10 of the CPC, 1908 and Section 19 of the NGT Act, 2010 we direct the deletion of the name of State of Haryana from the array of the parties in Original Application No.161 of 2016.

List these matters in 8th July, 2016.

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(M.S. Nambiar)

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(Prof. A.R. Yousuf)

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(B.S. Sajwan)

