

LEGAL_AWARENESS IN AUGUST 2023 ITEM 60 EMAIL DATED 09 11 2022 REGARDING CUTTING OF APPROX 829 AGE OLD TREE IN CUTTACK ODISHA FOR EXPANSION OF ROAD ALONG TALADANDA CANAL FROM NUABAZAR TO BIRIBATI

To

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SUBJECT-COMPLAINT REGARDING CUTTING OF APPROX 829 AGE OLD TREE IN CUTTACK ODISHA FOR EXPANSION OF ROAD ALONG TALADANDA CANAL FROM NUABAZAR TO BIRIBATI AS PER PRINT MEDIA PRAMEYA DATED 09 11 2022

Sir

It is pertinent to mention that your department has decided to cut approx 829 AGE OLD TREE IN CUTTACK ODISHA FOR EXPANSION OF ROAD ALONG TALADANDA CANAL FROM NUABAZAR TO BIRIBATI AS PER PRINT MEDIA PRAMEYA DATED 09 11 2022 at the cost of damage to the environment and climate change.

You have already damaged the Mahanadi River –the lifeline of Cuttack and Odisha as a whole by illegal sandfilling without any legal clearances.

The commercial project should not be carried out at the cost of age old trees that are oxygen supplier and a check on air pollution and the burning example is the atmosphere of New Delhi where people are living a miserable life suffering from different types of chronic disease; only due to damage to environment.

Just because our state is blessed with rich natural resources like river and forest; Odisha Govt should not destroy the existing ecosystem freely available for commercial purpose of constructing road without following the guidelines of NGT and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter of tree cutting as per SUPREME COURT OF INDIA CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION SLP CASE NO 25047 OF 2018

ASSOCIATION FOR PROTECTION OF DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS & ANR. ...PETITIONER(S) VERSUS THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS. ...RESPONDENT(S).

The government is violating Human Rights of residents of Cuttack who are deeply involved with the age old trees generation after generation for pure air, morning walk and beautiful natural scenery both for better physical and mental health and they are going to be deprived of the same.

Request

1. Please provide the blueprint of the project.
2. Provide the minutes of the meeting which approved the project.
3. Provide the NOC/approvals of the competent authorities to cut the age old trees and destroy approx 829 AGE OLD TREE IN CUTTACK ODISHA FOR EXPANSION OF ROAD ALONG TALADANDA CANAL FROM NUABAZAR TO BIRIBATI.
4. Provide the copy of cost benefit analysis of this project
5. As per media report the contractor who has taken the job offer for doing the road construction has not deposited the required money finalized as compensation for tree cutting but continued to cut the trees.
6. Provide the details of the tender called for competitive bidding like date of notification for tender, list of contractors who applied for the tender, case history of the contractor and their political affiliation etc
7. Provide the details of amount of compensation for tree cutting approx 829 AGE OLD TREE IN CUTTACK ODISHA FOR EXPANSION OF ROAD ALONG TALADANDA CANAL FROM NUABAZAR TO BIRIBATI
8. Provide the guidelines which the DFO Cuttack followed for permitting the tree cutting approx 829 AGE OLD TREE IN CUTTACK ODISHA FOR EXPANSION OF ROAD ALONG TALADANDA CANAL FROM NUABAZAR TO BIRIBATI
9. Provide the details of norms which was the basis of calculation of cost of age old trees
10. Provide the details of the expert committee which cleared the tree cutting approx 829 AGE OLD TREE IN CUTTACK ODISHA FOR EXPANSION OF ROAD ALONG TALADANDA CANAL FROM NUABAZAR TO BIRIBATI and finalized the amount of compensation.

IT IS ALSO PERTINENT TO MENTION THAT URBAN LAND COMES UNDER CONCURRENT LIST AND THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HAS A SAY ON THIS AND YOU ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ME THE CONSENT FROM CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO GO AHEAD WITH THE PROJECT.

Kindly treat this as urgent and you are requested not to proceed further in this project as a judicial intervention is necessary and this email should be treated as a primary notice under PIL guidelines.

Please consider the order of Hon'ble Orissa High Court (attached) in this context.

Yours faithfully

Jayanti Das

