

BEFORE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
OA/739/2023

IN THE MATTER OF

ENVIORNMENT PROTECTION SOCIETY

...APPLICANT

(Regd.) S.A.S. NAGAR & ANR

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MINISTRY OF ENVIORNMENT, FOREST

...RESPONDENT

AND CLIMATE CHANGE & OTHRS.

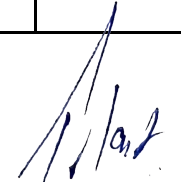
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Sub:- O.A. 739/2023 pending before Hon'ble NGT.

This is in context to the subject cited work. The matter relates to widening of 3 no. Roads and the case is pending before Hon'ble NGT. It is hereby submitted that as per the initial planning of GMADA 1651 No. of trees were required to be felled. However, 306 No. of trees were axed even before filing of the application before Hon'ble NGT and 1345 more trees were proposed to be axed.

The representation given by the Environment Society was duly considered by GMADA and replanning of these roads was done. As per the replanning, the Total No. of Trees to be axed has been now reduced to 625 only. The detail of Trees to be cut on each road is as under:-

S. No.	Name of Road	Trees to be axed as per old planning	Trees to be axed as per new planning
1	Wideining of Road from Sector Junction 52/53 to Mohali Village.	381	165
2	Widening of Road from Sector Junction 61/62-69/70 to Sector Junction 65/66 (Bawa White House)	653 (Only Road Portion) 311 (Commercial Pocket)	460 (Only Road Portion) The planning is under review.
	TOTAL	1345	625

As mentioned above, 409 No. of Trees have been saved as per new planning.

SAS Nagar (Mohali) is a growing city and traffic is increasing day by day on roads leading to a lot of congestion on roads. Hence, it has become the utmost priority to provide measures which result into decongestion of roads. As a matter of fact, even Metro Railway is being planned in the tricity so as to facilitate the general public and reduce the traffic on roads.

It is pertinent to mention here that a new section of road is being constructed which is known as new root to International Airport. The progress of construction of this road is being monitored by Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court vide case no. CM-8438-CWP-2022 in


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CWP-27436 of 2015 (Mohali Industries Association V/s Union of India). The sole purpose of construction of this road is to reduce the congestion on the roads and provide easy and smooth flow of traffic on roads. Moreover, the roads coming from Chandigarh through Sector Junction 55/54, 54/53 and 53/52 of SAS Nagar are leading to roads between Sector Junction 58/59, 59/60 and 60/61 of SAS Nagar which are dual carriageway (4-lane) at present and traffic runs quite smoothly on these sections of roads. GMADA is working on Widening of Road from Sector Junction 61/62-69/70 to Sector Junction 65/66 (Bawa White House) which lies between the above mentioned Dual Carriageway Roads on one side and new root to International Airport on the other side. Apparently, a bottleneck gets created at this portion of road to be widened leading to frequent traffic jams and obstructing smooth flow. This congestion and traffic jams also leads to emission of particulates which cause air pollution as well.

In the wake of above, it is kindly requested that permission may kindly be granted for at least one stretch of the road i.e. Widening of Road from Sector Junction 61/62-69/70 to Sector Junction 65/66 (Bawa White House) as only this road is single lane and all the road connecting to this portion of road are double carriageway four lane Roads creating a bottleneck at this portion of the road.

Hence, looking into the increasing traffic aspect of the city, widening of these roads is of the utmost importance for decongestion purposes, which is in favour of general public only.

This is for your information and further necessary action please.


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