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## HYDERABAD DRINKING WATER IN DANGER: ORO SPORTS ENCROACHMENT INSIDE FTL OF OSMAN SAGAR, DRINKING WATER RESOURCE OF HYDERABAD CITY

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To The MD HMWS&SB, Hyderabad

Dear Managing Director, Hyderabad Water Board,

Sub: ORO sports village inside Osman Sagar, the Drinking Water Source of Hyderabadis
CE: 1) Osman Sagar FTL Map dated 18.6.2013 signed by GM(engineering), HMWS&SB, Hyderabad; Dy. GM(Engineering) & Manager(engineering)Osman sagar section given to Ref: 1) Osman Sagar FTL Map dated 18.6.2013 signed by GM(engineering), HMWS&SB, Hyderabad; Dy. GM(Engineering) & Manager(engineering)Osman SOUL.
2) satellite imagery of 2010, 2011, 2013 and latest that show the gradual landfill and construction of ORO sports village right inside the FTL of Osman Sagar;

Please refer to our below message dated 25 july 2018 addressed to you after meeting Director Technical at your head office, expressing our anguish regarding the fact that Hyderabadis are not supplied drinking water from Osman sagar and Himayat sagar;

Secondly, the encroachments fully acknowledged thru official maps are still not evicted. Enclosed chronological satellite images from 2011 to 2018 overlayed with FTL boundary depicts landfill, compound wall, and ORO sports right inside the drinking water resource of Hyderabad, under your regime.

We expect your prompt action plan on restoration of Osman sagar in terms of its original water spread, in terms of its holding capacity, and in terms of potable water. Secondly, action taken on the officials who thru their active commissions and omissions, not conducted office in good faith, and done dereliction of duty and without application of mind, wisdom and ethics, have allowed the ORA sports encroachment.

Dear MD, Do remind all your officials that they are all on the pay-roll of the citizens and residents of Hyderabad; that they are bound to duty and rule of law; taht they are not bound to political leaders, corporators, MLAs, MPs, Ministers.

Await your earliest revert on the matter

Sanghamitra Malik, member, Save our urban Lakes Dr Jasveen Jairath, Founder convenor, SOUL Dr Lubna Sarwath, Gen Secy, Socialist Party(India),Hyderabad 9963002403

On Wed, Jul 25, 2018 at 11:27 PM Lubna Sarwath <sarwath.lubna@gmail.com> wrote: | Hyderabad 25july2018

## PRESS RELEASE

## 'REDUNDANT' - AN UNFORGIVABLE EXPRESSION USED FOR OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED DRINKING WATER RESERVOIRS BY GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA IN THE HIGH COURT at HYDERABAD

Today we, (Sanghamitra, Asif Ali Khan, Lubna Sarwath), met Shri Suryanarayana, Director-Technical, Hyderabad Metro Water & Sewage Board at his office and gave him a representation(attached).

We urged that:
- Water Board take up with goverment counsel how he stated before high court that two existing drinking water reservoirs can be stated as 'redundant'. we showed him the news item of times of india.

Director said he was not aware of that.

Director also denied any knowledge about Joint Collector RR district filing affidavit in Tribunal regarding illegal layouts/structures/buildings we assured him that we would email him the same.

- Water board give us time frame when Hyderabadis can drink sweet waters of Gandipet and Himayat sagar, again, as water board has denied fundamental right of drinking waters supply from twin reservoirs to Hyderabadis.
- Water Board evict all inflow channel blockages and diversions, as Managing Director has himself expressed anguish that despite Excess rainfall in catchment the twin reservoirs
- We also reminded him that very recently when Water board asked for release of Nagarjuna sagar waters for the Hyderabad city, the Chief Engineer denied stating that water was needed for irrigation

Hence, it is simple commonsense and wisdom that we nurture our heritage water reservoirs and not make our city dependent on far off water sources, which are again unpredictable;

These two reservoirs are the shaan(pride) of our city and its pride is essentially in restoring its glory of being able to supply drinking water on a continuum, as it used to be when the inflow channels were not diverted/blocked.

Osman Sagar and Himayat Sagar should not be treated as lakes but as two drinking water reservoirs.

As 'Purification of Land records' process is completed, government immediately examine and tell the court, who are the major land holders in the 84 villages of GO111, and, who are those demanding for shrinking of GO111(as mentioned in HMDA counter affidavit in high court), so that people understand government better when its counsel called the drinking water reservoirs as 'redundant'.

The entire hydrological architecture and structure as bequeathed to the city by VII Nizam Osman Ali Khan through his eminent engineers Sir Mokshagundam Visweswarayya and Mir Ahmed Ali, Nawab Ali Nawaz Jung Bahadur, should be preserved as a heritage marvel in essential utility on a continuum.

Sanghamitra Malik(Poetess & Activist)
Asif Ali Khan(Hyderabadi Architect),
Dr Lubna Sarwath(General Secretary, Socialist Party(India)-Telangana

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9963002403 "The Purpose of Life is a Life of Purpose" -Robert Byrne

On Fri, Feb 17, 2017 at 6:28 PM, Lubna Sarwath <sarwath.lubna@gmail.com> wrote: | Hyderabad, 17 February 2017

The Chief Minister Government of Telangana Hyderabad

Dear Shri KChandrasekhar Ran

Thru the news papers we have come to know of your 'Happy Birthday' today. We wish you long life of health, peace and joy.

We also trust you would have taken strong resolutions that you would reject and thwart any attempt to convert lake area including buffer zone into land for any purpose

1 of 5 21/02/20, 8:36 pm Attached for your ready reference is statement of Resolutions at Roundtable of 9th February 2017, on 'Sanctity of Osman Sagar(Gandipet) & Himayat Sagar as Drinking Water Bodies and Reservoirs for Hyderabad – for now and future', and endorsement statements from our own

For the very alarming fact, that, we are having to draw waters from Krishna and Godavari to for drinking water, it is for that same reason, that, we need to obsessively protect our two Heritage Designated Drinking Water Reservoirs viz., Osman Sagar & Himayat Sagar, for now and posterity. Dear CM garu, we urge you to join with prajalu of Telangana in this Resolution.

Keep well Sir. Trust your earliest appointment to share our perspectives with you. We await your earliest time. We assure you of our cooperation for conservation of environment and societal wellbeing.

Lubna & many many more concerned and conscious citizens  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Team}}$  SOUL

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On Fri, Feb 17, 2017 at 2:39 PM, Madhusudhan Karnati <kmadhurao@gmail.com> wrote: | True Vivek. I can imagine what you are saying

It hurts the feeling of possibly loosing these lakes. Unable to hold back my feelings, I put forward my views

1. While there has to be scientific method to prove that Krishna and Godavari water are sufficient all the time to quench the thirst of Hyderabad, there are many drought seasons, when there was no water in Godavari/krishna. Governments were in tight situation and Water was not released to farmers from Nagarjuna Sagar in order to continue Drinking water supply to city. These lakes could always be used as backup or complementary sources. Probably, If we can think of networking rivers, why not fill these tanks with water from Krishna/Godavari if inflows are blocked?

2 while these lakes served as drinking water resource, the main premise on which this reservoirs were built were to save from floods. City is flooded with water even on account of slightest rain. We can't ignore the flooding affects if these reservoirs are encroached.

3. It defies logic to understand the decision of this TS Govt. On one hand, they claim protecting lakes in Telangana state through Kakatiya Mission and on other hand, they plan to de-notify these two resources. We should go public questioning this contradicting stand.

I strongly feel, we need to convert this issue into movement as none of the the Governments in this country seem to listen unless issues are converted into movement. We have seen this in the past - Corruption, Women Atrocities (Nirbaya's case) issues etc.,

I feel, we need to adopt dual approach - Legal and launch people movement to succeed in our endeavor to save these lakes.

I will be very happy to contribute in whatever little way I can, in joining your fight to save these lakes.

Regards, Madhu

On Thu, Feb 16, 2017 at 3:20 PM, Vivekanand Gopinath <a href="vivekanand.gopinath@gmail.com">vivekanand.gopinath@gmail.com</a> wrote:

Today's TOI news item says, denotified already.

We all know what residential and commercial complexes mean to lakes. They will soon turn into open sceptic tanks collecting drainage from these complexes. Krishna and Godavari waters are enough for entire Telangana is the claim being made. No data provided. Enough for how long and under what assumptions of rainfall? Nothing is being talked about.

On Feb 10, 2017 6:34 AM, "Lubna Sarwath" <sarwath.lubna@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Thakur, could you please submit to NGT, a copy of resolutions appended below. Kindly confirm.

Thanks for responding to sms request to submit resolutions in NGT chennai.

In response to your SMS recieved this morning as this is a public statement gathered from an open round table, kindly submit on plain paper. And why govt. ack.? This is not a representation to govt.

On 09-Feb-2017 4:58 PM, "Sarah Mathews" <sarahhazrat@gmail.com> wrote:

Congratulations Lubna and the SOUL team.. I endorse the resolutions..My apologies for not being present as I had to deal with a case of desertion.

On Feb 9, 2017 4:46 PM, "jasveen jairath" <jasveenjairath@gmail.com> wrote

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Well done Lubna!
This was important for Soul to have organised this meeting at a time when the ruling party is hell bent on serving the interest of real estate mafia of the area.....At the cost of destroying to.e tested system of water security provided by these two water bodies.

Jasveen

On Feb 9, 2017 3:56 PM, "Lubna Sarwath" <sarwath.lubna@gmail.com> wrote

Hyderabad 9<sup>th</sup> february 2017

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List of Participants in Roundtable:

Captain J Rama Rao, Dr Jeevanand Reddy, Dr Babu Rao, Sagar Dhara, Shri Omim Debara, Dr Jasveen Jairath, Janab Sajjad Shahid(thru statement in absentia), Janab Yousuf Ali Javeed, Shri Raghu- Member, TSPCB, Shri BV Subba Rao, Smt Usha-HRCPC, Shri Balaswamy, Shri Mayank Ale & Dr Lubna Sarwath

5 chairs were left vacant all thru the meeting, for the officials, so that they could walk in any time to share their point of view. We hope officials can participate in our future meetings.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY PARTICIPANTS OF ROUNDTABLE CONDUCTED ON 9 FEBRUARY 2017, AT PRESS CLUB, SOMAJIGUDA, HYDERABAD

1- Osman Sagar(Gandipet) & Himayat Sagar should not be denotified as drinking water reservoirs for Hyderabad, hence no question of 'alternate uses'. The present status of Designated Drinking Water Reservoirs should be strengthened by implementation of GO Ms 111, in which protection of entire catchment area is embedded thru endorsement of GO Ms 50 dt 18.1.1989.

Presently Hyderabad receives zero MLD of drinking water from Osman Sagar and Himayat Sagar. City needs the non-energy consuming, gravity enabled sweet drinking waters back, from Osman Sagar and Himayat Sagar.

- 2- A scientific, economic, environment, and catchment-area study to be undertaken to have free flow of rain waters into the Designated Drinking Water Reservoirs of Himayat sagar and Osman Sagar. All inflow channels of raw water to be opened up, diversions plugged, pollutants stopped at source, and encroachments evicted, on a war-footing, without any compromise or complacence.
- 3- Government to promptly prosecute all officials mentioned in para 4, 5 and 6 of Memo No. 14046/11/2007 dated 12 October 2007, as officials responsible to not to allow any construction, layout and non-agriculture development activity within the upstream area of Himayat Sagar and Osman Sagar lakes in tune with GO Ms 111 MA dt. 8.3.1996.
- 4- Rehabilitate deserving violators by identification under set criteria as government's responsibility.
- 5- As per GO MS 111 dt 8.3.1996, 3(iii), 'Orders issued in Go Ms 50 dt. 18.1.1989 shall be effectively implemented by concerned departments i.e., 1- zilla parishad ranga reddy, mahbubnagar and medak districts. 2-Panchayat raj department 3- irrigation department 4- social welfare department are directed not to take up any building works/check dams/ lift irrigation works/ storage reservoirs across vagus flowing in the catchment areas'.

2 of 5 21/02/20, 8:36 pm 6- People must be taken into confidence. Government and Committees formed by government must abide by law and cannot take law as discretion.

On Wed, Feb 8, 2017 at 5:36 PM, Lubna Sarwath <sarwath.lubna@gmail.com> wrote.

We have been trying to reach few of officials to invite you all to Open Roundtable. Below invite for your kind perusal. Earlier in May 2016, we have shared our views on 'Save Gandipet' at the Roundtable organized by then Cyberabad Commissioner Shri CV Anand, IPS.

Hyderabad now has been deprived of Gandipet ka meetha paani(sweet waters of Gandipet). Previously we received 40MGD per day from Osman Sagar and Himayat Sagar, thru gravity. We are positive that we can continue cherishing the sweet waters of these balancing reservoirs, if civil society, officials, elected representatives, ministers and judiciary work together, for its conservation.

Lets give the sanctity these Designated Drinking Water Reservoirs deserve. Attached is pic of road being laid in Osman Sagar, that should shock our conscience.

Please come tmrw for a mutual discussion.

Lubna Team SOUL

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Its time to reiterate and resolve that we would maintain the sanctity, of our drinking water sources, Osman Sagar and Himayat Sagar, as they should be, and deserve.

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best

On Tue, Feb 7, 2017 at 4:55 PM, Chandrasekaran Turram Valadi <antarbharatid2010@gmail.com> wrote:

I am sorry, I will not be able to come. Kindly, It this message be given to all. As one who still belong to Hyderabad, I shall be willing to listen and join if any such action is possible.

VBC

On Tue, Feb 7, 2017 at 4:52 PM, Chandrasekaran Turram Valadi <antarbharatid2010@gmail.com> wrote:
Safilguda Cheruvu is now in occupation by fairly rich people. Many of them are good and unfortunately trapped. Along with solemn sermons, can we campaign and appeal good senses of such encroaches to voluntarily surrender their property and trigger a positive action. Is this too much for us to gain moral courage, guts and wits to appeal to the patriotic good citizens who can afford the loss or the entire City contributes to make good the loss. Not only lamenting on the past but reversing by moral upheaval is required today. (While going in coal driven local trains, Safilguda Cheruvu, Malkajgiri Cheruvu were great sight in 70s)

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Chatti Post. Chinthur Mandalam.

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On Tue, Feb 7, 2017 at 4:31 PM, Lubna Sarwath <sarwath.lubna@gmail.com> wrote:

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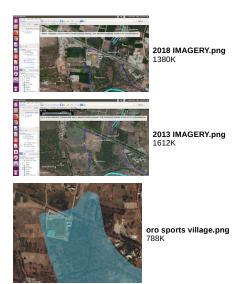


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