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ADDITIONAL AFFIDAVIT ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT NO.1

I, Nazir Ahmad Sofi, aged about_____years, son of Shri Ghulam Hussain Sofi, resident of Ishber Nishat, Gupt Ganga, Foreshore Road, Srinagar-191121,Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-

1. That the present Application has been filed under Sections 14,15 and 20 of theNational Green Tribunal Act, 2010 ,inter-alia, praying for shifting/relocating of aproposed (i) 35 to 45 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) coming up at Gupt Ganga, Ishber Nishat, Srinagar, and(ii) Solid waste and weed dumping-cum-fertilizer project. Both these projects are next to each other and are about 400 meters from the worldfamous Dal Lake in Srinagar, Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.Gupt Ganga is a wetland and the said projects are in a no-construction/green zone as per the Srinagar Master Plan-2035 and catchment area of Dal lake.
2. That as the name suggests, Gupt Ganga is a place having natural water body called Gupt Ganga which is sacred for the Kashmiri pandit community as the name 'Ganga' itself suggests.
3. Further, as per the land revenue records of the area, due to presence of water in the area, the land is termed as ***Aabi-Awal*** which means land irrigated with means other than canal or well. Therefore, the presence of water for irrigation in this area makes the problem much more critical since the Gupt Ganga area is at a natural gradient and the presence of waste/sludge from the STP would mix with the natural water and

percolate down into the Dal Lake leading to increase in water pollution of Dal Lake.

Copy of the land revenue records of the Gupt Ganga areaalongwith it's translation are annexed as **ANNEXURE-1.**

4. That recently in reply to an RTI reply dated 08.09.2026 by the J&K Lake Conservation & Management Authority, Srinagar, the location of Gupt Ganga road/belt/wetland is 348*08'23.53" N and 74*52'18.21" E. The said Reply also says that *"No work has been taken up presently or temedered by this office for development of the wetland."*

Copy of the RTI reply letter dated 08.09.2026 by the J&K Lake Conservation & Management Authority, Srinagar is annexed herewith as **ANNEXURE-2**

5. Thataccording to the Report of the Joint Committeefiled in OA 504/2024 in the matter titled***"The drowning Jewel Tapestry of Dal Lake Decline and Fishing Communities Struggle in Kashmir",*** which is relied upon by the Applicants in this case and annexed as ANNEXURE-A7 at page 96says *" Engineered wetland at IshberGupt Ganga (Meerek Shah), Habak have been created to act as bio-filters, whereas reed belt has been created in front of Naseem Bagh Park."*Engineered wetlands, also known as constructed wetlands, are human-made systems designed to replicate the pollutant removal functions of natural wetlands. Hence, as per the Report if there is a Engineered wetland at Gupt Ganga, it has been made to provide service of pollutant removal for the natural wetland at the same place i.e. IshberGupt Ganga.

6. That the abovementioned Additional Affidavit has been drafted by my counsel on my instructions and the contents of the same are true and correct to my knowledge.

DEPONENT

VERIFICATION: Verified today on this 9-10-2026 at Srinagar, Union Territory of J&K do hereby verify and declare that the facts mentioned above are true and correct nothing material has been concealed therefrom and no part of it is false.

DEPONENT

Identified by

IRFAN AHMAD KHAN (Advocate)
NOTARY PUBLIC
J&K & Ladakh High Court Wing Srinagar
L.No. 814
J&K High Court

Certified that the statement of affidavit duly read by deponent on oath before me at Srinagar on the day of 9/10/26 by Nazir Ahmad Sofi who is identified by Mohd Younis

IRFAN AHMAD KHAN (Advocate)
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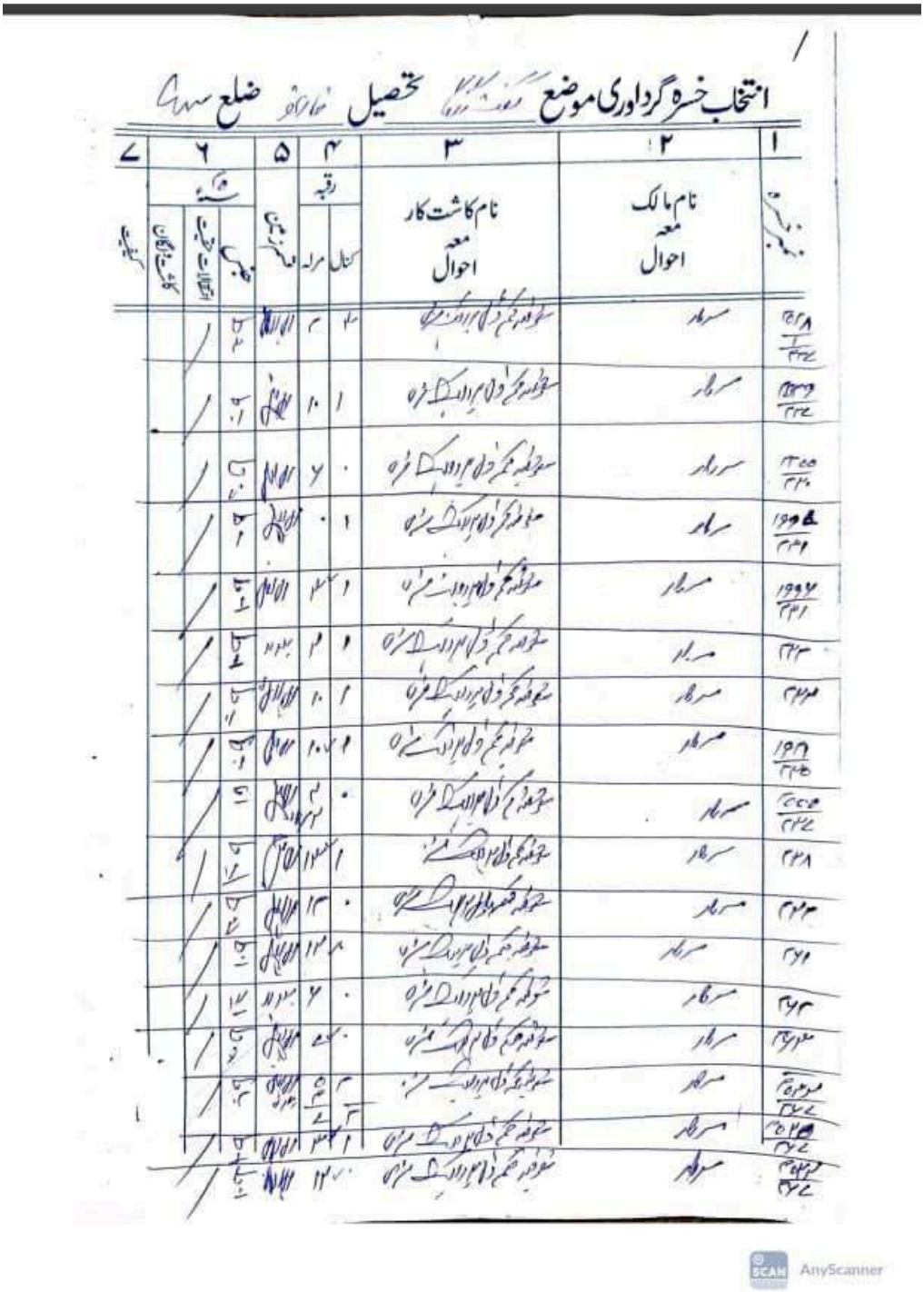
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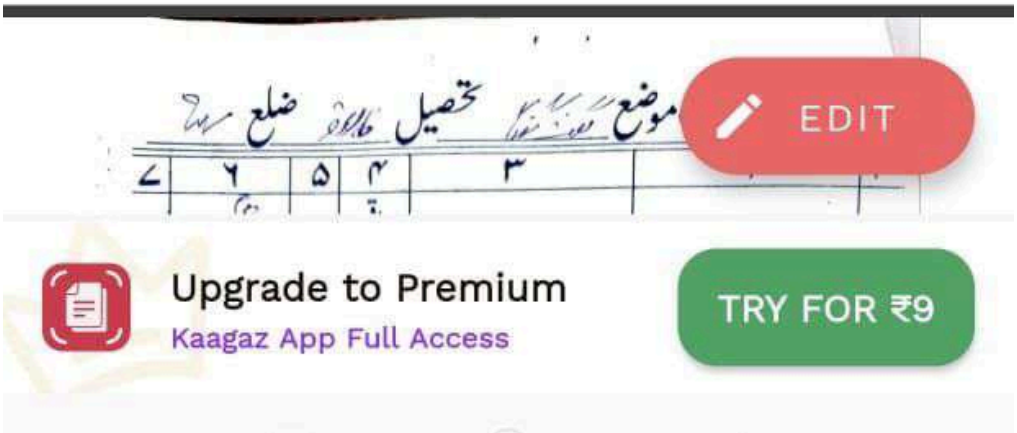
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Khasra No.	Name of owner with detail	Name of cultivator with detail	**Land (kanals)**	**Land (marlas)**	Nature of land	Nature of production	Reference of mutations
2723/41	Mohammad (Minor), Mutation No. 37	Abdul Rahim S/o: Ahmad Dar	1	19 ½	**Irrigated**	-	-
2553/41	Qadir, Mohammad sons of Mahda Bhat R/o; Banigam	Department Dal project	1	19 ½	**Irrigated**	-	-
2101/45	State	Department Dal project	2	5	**Irrigated**	-	-
51	State	Department project	0	12	**Irrigated**	-	-
52	State	Department Dal project	0	8	**Irrigated**	-	-
2123/53	State	Department Dal project	0	3	**Irrigated**	-	-
54	State	Department Dal project	0	18	**Irrigated**	-	-
2009/140	Mohammad etc	Under cultivation of Haji Qasim S/o; Hassan Beigh etc sellers in favour of Dal.	0	4 ½	**Irrigated**	-	-
141	State	Department Dal project	1	2	**Irrigated**	-	-
142	State	Department Dal project	0	11	**Irrigated**	-	-
143	State	Department Dal project	0	14	**Irrigated**	-	-
160	State	Department Dal project	0	8	**Irrigated**	-	-
216	State	Department Dal project	0	14	**Irrigated**	-	-
220	State	Department Dal project	0	19	**Irrigated**	-	-
222	State	Department Dal project	1	18	**Irrigated**	-	-
2499	State	Department Dal project	1	08	**Irrigated**	-	-
2170	State	Department Dal project	1	10	**Irrigated**	-	-
224	State	Department Dal project	0	06	**Irrigated**	-	-
56	State	Department Dal project	2	01	**Irrigated**	-	-

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Revenue extract of Estate Gupta Ganga Tehsil North District Srinagar

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Khasra No.	Name of owner with detail	Name of cultivator with detail	**Land (kanals)**	**Land (marlas)**	Nature of land	Nature of production
2728/1/227	State	Department Dal project	**3**	2	**Irrigated**	-
2729/227	State	Department Dal project	**1**	10	**Irrigated**	-
1375/240	State	Department Dal project	**0**	6	**Irrigated**	-
199/231	State	Department Dal project	**1**	0	**Irrigated**	-
1996/231	State	Department Dal project	**1**	3	**Irrigated**	-
234/224	State	Department Dal project	**1**	4	**Irrigated**	-
1921/235	State	Department Dal project	**1**	10	**Irrigated**	-
2751/237	State	Department Dal project	**1**	10	**Irrigated**	-
238	State	Department Dal project	**0**	4	**Irrigated**	-
242	State	Department Dal project	**1**	13	**Irrigated**	-
261	State	Department Dal project	**0**	12	**Irrigated**	-
263	State	Department Dal project	**0**	12	**Irrigated**	-
2534/267	State	Department Dal project	**0**	6	**Irrigated**	-
2525/267	State	Department Dal project	**0**	7	**Irrigated**	-
2534/267	State	Department Dal project	**2**	5	**Irrigated**	-
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Annexure A-2

Public Information Officer
Executive Engineer, LD-II
LCMA, Srinagar.

No: LCMA-518/RTI/2026-27/2787-90 **Dated:** 20 **.08.2026**

Subject: **Providing of Information under RTI Act-2005.**

Sir,

I am enclosing a copy of the application under receipt No: 975 received in this Authority on 18.08.2026 filed by Mr. Ali Mohammad Pandith Address: Gupt Ganga, Srinagar, as per the provisions of Section 6(3) of the RTI Act, 2005 with the remarks that the Point wise reply may be provided directly to the applicant within the stipulated time period under intimation to Nodal Officer (RTI), Superintending Engineer, LCMA, besides this office, for reference.

Yours faithfully,

20.08.2026

(M.A. Khan) JKAS
Public Information Officer

Copy to the:

1. Nodal Officer (RTI), Superintending Engineer, LCMA, for information. A copy of RTI application is enclosed for information.
2. FA & CAO, LCMA, for inf. The applicant has submitted IPO an amount of Rs. **10/-** vide No. 63F 994121 for inf & necessary action at your end.
3. Mr. Ali Mohammad Pandith Address: Gupt Ganga. Srinagar Mobile No. 9858757525 for information. This takes reference to the RTI application dated. 18.08.2026.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER LAKE DIVISION 2ND J&K LAKE CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY SRINAGAR.

Ali Mohammad Pandith,
Gupta Gange
98587575525,
Srinagar.

No:-LD2nd/ 1578-80 Dated:- 08-09-26

Subject: - Provide the information under RTI act 2005.

Dear Sir,

As reported by AEE Sub- Division East vides his No: LSD/E/85 dtd: 07.09.2026. The relvant information sought under RTI Act 2005 regarding Gupta Ganga Road Belt/wetland is as under:

1. **GPS Location**: The GPS Location of reedbelt/ Wet Land at Gupt Ganga is 348°08'23.53" N 74°52'18.21"E.
2. **Details of contractor/ Agency**:- No work has been taken up presently or tendered by this Office for Development of the wetland.

08/09/26

Executive Engineer,
Lake Division 2nd,LCMA
Srinagar.

Copy to the:

1 Superinterdent Engineer,(Nodal Officer) RTI JKLCMA for his information.
2 Secretary, J&K LCMA for information.