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31st October, 2005

**Mr. Varade
Principal Secretary
Environment Department,
Maharashtra Govt.
Mantralaya, Mumbai.**

Dear Sir,

**Sub : Replacing Powai Lake Land - Reducing its capacity.
Ref : PIL No. 2116 of 2005 on Mithi River.**

You are aware that in the above mentioned petition various authorities in their response have clearly stated that the overflow of Vihar, Tulsi and Powai Lake flow into Mithi River.

It is clearly discussed and directed and also suggested in the Action Plan, that capacity of all the above is needed to be increased. I have received complaints that the same has been reduced or encroached.

It is also understood that the Mithi River Authorities in its meeting of 1st October, discussed to increase the capacity of Powai Lake also.

It is shocking that the so called Road construction work of JVLR, Construction of retaining wall is being constructed inside the land of Powai Lake. This is going to reduce the capacity of Powai Lake. Powai Lake is already covered under National Conservative of Lake Programme.

I have personally visited the Lake site. I would request you to verify:

- i) Whether the dematerialisation of Lake land has been done?
- ii) Who has done the dematerialisation?
- iii) Where is the 7/12, Revenue of the Lake?
- iv) Whether permission of National Conservative of Lake Programme and other authorities, obtained?

We would like to understand whether the Lake land is encroached in a legal manner? Whether the capacity of Lake going to be reduced?

Please treat this as urgent and do the needful.

Thanking you,

Yours,
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P.S.: The photograph of construction work going on clearly shows that the construction is being done on the Lake land, inside the Lake premises.

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