

ITEM NO.13

COURT NO.2

SECTION PIL-W

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s). 202/1995

IN RE : T.N. GODAVARMAN THIRUMULPAD

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION FOR 16.04.2025 "ONLY" [1] I.A. NOS. 269550, 269552 AND 269553 OF 2024 [Application for Impleadment, Directions and O.T. filed by Ms. Rani Mishra, Advocate] IN RE : JUMMA & ORS. AND [2] I.A. NO. 212089 OF 2024 [Application for Impleadment in I.A. Nos. 58031 & 58032 of 2024 filed by Ms. Aruna Gupta, Advocate] AND I.A. NOS. 212084 & 212086 OF 2024 [Application for Directions & Exemption from filing O.T. in I.A. Nos. 58031 & 58032 of 2024 filed by Ms. Aruna Gupta, Advocate] AND [2 a] CIVIL APPEAL DIARY NO. 12516 OF 2019 AND [2 b] SUO-MOTU WRIT PETITION (C) NO. 1 OF 2023 IN RE : SARISKA TIGER RESERVE IN RE : PAVAN SINGH IN RE : CHAND KANWAR AND [3] I.A. NO. 5891 OF 2019 [Application For Directions] AND I.A. NOS. 259426, 259429 & 259431 OF 2024 (Applications for Impleadment, Directions and Exemption from filing O.T. filed by Ms. Rani Mishra, Advocate) IN RE : COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING AUTHORITY (CAMPA) FUNDS ALONGWITH IN RE: STATUS OF FUNDS IN RE: VAISHALI RANA AND [4] I.A. NOS. 99457 AND 99462 OF 2024 [Applications for Intervention and Clarifications filed by Ms. Shalini Kaul, Advocate] WITH I.A. NO. 211469 OF 2024 [Applications for Intervention filed by Mr. Tarun Gupta, Advocate in I.A. 99457/2024] WITH I.A. NO. 256515 OF 2024 [Applications for permission to place Additional documents on record filed by Mr. Tarun Gupta, Advocate in I.A. 211469/2024] IN RE : SUMITRA NEGI & ORS. IN RE : LIEUTENANT GENERAL SARVJIT SINGH CHAHAL (RETD.) & ORS. AND [4(a)] I.A. NO. 263809 OF 2023 [Application for Intervention] WITH I.A. NOS. 263810, 263811 AND 263812 OF 2023 [Applications seeking permission to file application for Directions, Directions and Exemption from filing O.T.] AND I.A. NO. 92980 OF 2024 [Applications for placing on record Additional Documents in I.A. No. 263809/2023 filed by Dr. Surender Singh Hooda, Advocate for the Applicant] AND I.A. NO. 141598 OF 2024 [Applications for placing on record Additional Documents in I.A. No. 263809/2023 filed by Mr. Dinesh C. Pandey, Advocate for the Applicant No. 2] IN RE : ANUJ KAUSHAN & ANR. IN RE : SUKHNA LAKE AND [4 (b)] SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION(C) NO. 26642 OF 2024 AND [5] I.A. NO. 268213 AND 268214 OF 20234 [Application for Impleadment and Directions filed by Mr. Rajeev Singh, Advocate] IN RE : ALL INDIAN KISAN SABHA ANDAMAN & NICOBAR STATE COMMITTEE AND GOURANGA

CHANDRA MAJHI AND [6] SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION(C) No. 25047 OF 2018 AND [7] [i] I.A. NOS. 1424-1425 OF 2005 AND 2749 OF 2009 (Applications for Directions and Stay) IN RE : ALLEGED NON-FORESTRY ACTIVITIES AND ENCROACHMENT BY BALCO AND [ii] I.A. NOS. 2211 OF 2008 (Applications for Clarification of Court's Order dated 29.02.2008) IN RE : BALCO AND [iii] I.A. NO. 3427 OF 2012 (Applications for Directions) WITH I.A. NOS. 167802 AND 167804 OF 2019 (Applications For Directions And Exemption From Filing O.T.) WITH I.A. NOS. 187590 AND 187591 OF 2019 (Applications For Directions And Exemption From Filing O.T.) IN RE : BALCO, RESPONDENT NO. 7 IN I.A.NO. 1424-1425 WITH [iv] CONTEMPT PETITION (C) No. 388 OF 2009 IN I.A. NOS. 1424-1425 IN WRIT PETITION(C) NO. 202 OF 1995 WITH SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION(C) NO. 37511 OF 2013 AND WRIT PETITION (C) NO. 469 OF 2005 AND [8] I.A. NO. 41723 OF 2022 (DISPOSED OF ON 18.12.2024) [APPLICATION FOR DIRECTIONS] IN RE : AMAN SINGH, RAJASTHAN IN RE : ORANS IN RAJASTHAN TO BE LISTED ONLY FOR RECEIVING THE COMPLIANCE REPORT AND [9] CONTEMPT PETITION (C) DIARY NO. 39857 OF 2024 WITH I.A. NO. 75416 OF 2025 (Application for Intervention filed by Mr. Yash S. Vijay, Advocate) IN RE : K. MRUTYUNJAYA RAO IN RE : ANDHRA PRADESH STATE FISH FARMERS ASSOCIATION AND [10] I. A. NOS. 79569 AND 79576 OF 2019 [Applications for Intervention and Directions] WITH I. A. NOS. 159670 AND 159677 OF 2019 [Application for Exemption from filing Official Translation] WITH I. A. D. NOS. 14261 AND 14262 OF 2021 [Applications for Urgent Listing of I.A. Nos. 79569 and 79576/2019 and Exemption from filing duly Attested Affidavit] AND I. A. NOS. 40599 AND 40624 OF 2023 [Applications for Intervention and Modification of Court's order dated 12.05.2022] AND I. A. NO. 220675 OF 2023 [Application for Direction in I.A. No. 79576/2019] IN RE : SHRAMIK RICKSHAW CHALAK-MALAK SEVASANSTHA AND [11] SUO MOTU WRIT PETITION(C) NO. 03 OF 2025 AND [12] I.A. NO. 254548 OF 2023 [Application for Impleadment filed by Mr. Ashutosh Dubey, Advocate] WITH I.A. NOS. 254550 & 254551 OF 2023 [Applications for Directions and Exemption from filing O.T. filed by Mr. Ashutosh Dubey, Advocate] IN RE : GURPREET SINGH SONI AND [13] I. A. Nos. 118236 AND 129623 OF 2020 [Applications for Impleadment and Directions] IN RE : M/O AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE IN RE : U.T. OF ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION WITH I.A. No. 179389 OF 2018 [Application for Modification of Court's order dated 07.05.2002 in I. A. No. 502] AND I.A. No. 69399 OF 2021 [Application for permission to file Additional Affidavit] AND I.A. No. 144539 OF 2021 [Application for Intervention in I.A. No. 179389/2018] AND I.A. No. 13413 OF 2023 [CEC Report No. 2/2023 - Note filed by Member Secretary, CEC in I.A. No. 179389/2018] AND I.A. No. 217138 OF 2024 [Application seeking Extension of Time on behalf of MoEF & CC in I.A. No. 179389/2018] IN RE : U.T. OF ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION AND [14] I.A. NOS. 172422, 172425, 172427, 172429 OF 2024 [Applications for Impleadment as party Co-petitioner, Directions, Exemption from filing O.T., Seeking permission to Appear & Argue-in-person] WITH I.A. NO. 179359 OF 2024 [Applications for Ex Parte Ad-Interim Stay in I.A. No. 172422/2024] AND I.A. NOS. 290215 AND 290217 OF 2024 (Application for Impleadment and Directions filed by Mr. E.C.

Agrawala, Advocate) IN RE : MR. GAURAV KUMAR BANSAL (APPLICANT-IN-PERSON) IN RE : INDIAN FOREST SERVICE ASSOCIATION (STATE UNIT) AND [15] I.A. NO. 156703 OF 2024 [Application for Impleadment filed by Mr. Shrey Kapoor, Advocate] AND I.A. NO. 156707 & 156710 OF 2024 [Application for Directions and Exemption from filing O.T. filed by Mr. Shrey Kapoor, Advocate] WITH I.A. NOS. 182429 & 182432 OF 2024 [Application for permission to file Additional documents and Exemption from filing O.T. filed by Mr. Shrey Kapoor, Advocate] AND I. A. NOS. 211378 & 211725 OF 2024 [Applications for Directions and Intervention in I.A. 58031, 58032 of 2024 filed by Ms. Parul Shukla, Advocate] AND I. A. NO. 245699 OF 2024 [Applications for Impleadment in I.A. 211378 & 211725 of 2024 in I.A. 58031 of 2024 filed by Ms. Aruna Gupta] AND I.A. NOS. 279970 & 279972 OF 2024 [Application for placing on record Addition Facts and documents and Exemption from filing English translation filed by Mr. Shrey Kapoor, Advocate] AND I.A. NO. 8102 OF 2025 [Application for Directions in I.A. No. 211378, 211725/2024 in I.A. 58031/2024 filed by Ms. Aruna Gupta, Advocate] MINING IN SARISKA IN RE : PAVAN SINGH IN RE : CHAND KANWAR IN RE : ANIL JATAV IN RE : M/S. RADHE GOVIND MARBLE AND [16] I. A. NOS. 153500 & 153501 OF 2024 [Applications for Directions and Exemption from filing O.T. filed by Ms. Shibani Ghosh, Advocate] WITH I. A. NO. 153502 OF 2024 [Applications for Intervention filed by Ms. Shibani Ghosh, Advocate] IN RE : DR. DAYA SHANKAR SRIVASTAVA (SARANDA GAME SANCTUARY) AND [17] CONTEMPT PETITION (C) DIARY NO. 34292 OF 2024 WITH I.A. NO. 168256 OF 2024 (Application for Exemption from filing Typed copy) IN RE : BHAVREEN KANDHARI AND [18] I. A. NOS. 62990 & 62991 OF 2025 [Applications for Impleadment and Directions filed by Ms. Rani Mishra, Advocate] IN RE : SANJAY KUMAR AND [19] I. A. NO. 280902 OF 2024 [Application for Directions filed by Mr. Sabarish Subramanian, Advocate] IN RE : TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY DRAINAGE BOARD, THE GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU AND [20] I. A. NOS. 100352 & 100351 OF 2024 [Applications for Impleadment and Directions filed by Mr. Rajeev Kumar Dubey, Advocate] AND I. A. NOS. 56927, 56928 & 56929 OF 2025 [Applications for Amendment of I.A. Nos. 100351 & 100352/2024 , Amended application for Directions and Exemption form filing O.T. filed by Mr. Rajeev Kumar Dubey, Advocate] IN RE : SHRI RAM KRISHNA PANDEY AND [21] I. A. NOS. 51877 & 51878 OF 2025 [Applications for Impleadment and Directions filed by Mr. Tarun Johri, Advocate] AND I. A. NO. 255587 OF 2024 [CEC REPORT NO. 27/2024] IN RE : DELHI METRO RAIL CORPORATION LTD. AND [22] I. A. NO. 34252 OF 2025 [Applications for Directions filed by Mr. Prakash Kumar Singh, Advocate] AND I. A. NO. 45139 OF 2025 [Applications for Intervention filed by Mr. Prakash Kumar Singh, Advocate] IN RE : SUKHDEV SINGH, GEN. SECRETARY, SPECIAL TOURIST TAXI OPERATORS UNION AND [23] I. A. NOS. 50686 & 50687 OF 2025 [Applications for Impleadment and Exemption from filing O.T. filed by Ms. Supreeta Sharanagouda, Advocate] IN RE : M. T. RANJITH AND [24] I. A. NOS. 227104 & 227108 OF 2023 [Applications for Directions and Exemption from filing O.T. filed by Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Advocate] AND I. A. NO. 237508 OF 2023 [Application seeking permission to file application for Directions filed by Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Advocate] IN RE : BHUWNESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA & ORS. AND [25] I. A. NOS. 89008 &

89010 OF 2025 [Applications for Directions and Exemption from filing O.T. in I.A. Nos. 2264-2267/2008 filed by Ms. Aruna Gupta, Advocate] IN RE : OM PRAKASH GUPTA AND [26] ISSUE REGARDING ORDER DATED 18.03.2025 PASSED IN W.P.(C)NO. 13381 OF 1984. IN WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 202/1995 "ONLY" ARE LISTED IN W.P.(C) No. 202/1995 "ONLY" ON 16.04.2025 AND THE NAMES OF "ONLY" THE FOLLOWING ADVOCATES MAY BE TREATED TO HAVE BEEN SHOWN AGAINST THESE I.As. MR. HARISH N. SALVE, SR. ADV. [A.C.], MR. A.D.N. RAO, SR. ADVOCATE [A.C.], MS. APARAJITA SINGH, SR. ADVOCATE [A.C.], MR. SIDDHARTHA CHOWDHURY, ADVOCATE [A.C.] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR, SR. ADVOCATE [A.C.] MR. G.S. MAKKER, ADVOCATE MR. S.N. TERDAL, ADVOCATE FOR S.NO. [1] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MS. RANI MISHRA FOR S.NO. [2], [2 a] & [2 b] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MS. PARUL SHUKLA, MR. MILIND KUMAR, MR. SHREY KAPOOR, MS. ARUNA GUPTA, MS. NIDHI JASWAL (MR. SHYAM D. NANDAN, ADV. IN C.A.(D)NO. 12516/2016) FOR S. NO. [3] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MR. G.S. MAKKER, MR. ARAVIND S. (PUDUCHERRY), MR. SAMIR ALI KHAN (BIHAR), MR. AKSHAY AMRITANSHU (HARYANA), MS. PURNIMA KRISHNA (TAMIL NADU), MR. PRASHANT KUMAR (CHHATISGARH), MR. S.N. TERDAL (ANDAMAN & NICOBAR, CHANDIGARH, LADAKH, LAKSHADWEEP), MR. V.N. RAGHUPATHY (KARNATAKA), MR. KARAN SHARMA (PUNJAB), MS. ASTHA SHARMA (WEST BENGAL), MR. SUDEEP KUMAR (UTTAR PRADESH), MR. SHOVAN MISHRA (ODISHA), MR. SHUVODEEP ROY (ASSAM, TRIPURA), MS. SUGANDHA ANAND (HIMACHAL PRADESH), MR. ABHISHEK ATREY (UTTARAKHAND), MR. NISHE RAJEN SHONKER (KERALA), MR. AADITYA A. PANDE (MAHARASHTRA), MR. K. ENATOLI SEMA (NAGALAND), MR. PASHUPATI NATH RAZDAN (JAMMU & KASHMIR), MR. ANANDO MUKHERJEE (JHARKHAND, MIZORAM), MR. GUNTUR PRAMOD KUMAR (ANDHRA PRADESH), MS. NIDHI JASWAL (RAJASTHAN), MR. CHIRAG M. SHROFF (NCT OF DELHI), MS. SWATI GHILDIYAL (GUJRAT), MS. MRINAL GOPAL ELKER/MRINAL ELKER MAZUMDAR (MADHYA PRADESH), MR. SAMEER ABHYANKAR (SIKKIM), MR. SHISHIR DESHPANDE (GOA), MR. PUKHRAMBAM RAMESH KUMAR (MANIPUR), MR. SRAVAN KUMAR KARANAM (TELANGANA), MR. AVIJIT MANI TRIPATHI (STATE OF MEGHALAYA) MS. RANI MISHRA (FOR I.A. NOS. 259426, 259429 & 259431 OF 2024) FOR S. NO. [4], [4 (a)], [4 (b)] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MS. SHALINI KAUL, MR. TARUN GUPTA, MR. DINESH C. PANDEY, DR. SURENDER SINGH HOODA, MR. RAJEEV SINGH FOR SLP(C)NO. 26642 OF 2024 MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MR. SURENDER SINGH HOODA, MR. S.N. TERDAL, MR. APOORVA SINGHAL FOR S. NO. [5] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MR. RAJEEV SINGH FOR S. NO. [6] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MR. KUNAL CHATTERJI, MS. ASTHA SHARMA, MR. NARESH KUMAR, MR. G.S. MAKKER, MR. ANANDO MUKHERJEE, MS. POOJA DHAR, MR. S.N. TERDAL, MR. MOHIT D. RAM FOR S.NO. [7] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MR. PRANAV SACHDEVA, MR. P.S. SUDHEER, MR. NISHANT PATIL, MR. ASWATHI M.K., MS. PRATHIBAH JAIN, MR. SUNIL KUMAR JAIN, MR. SATISH KUMAR, MR. SHANKAR DIVATE, MS. BINU TAMTA, MR. ROHIT K. SINGH, MR. RAJESH SRIVASTAVA, MR. RADHA SHYAM JENA, MR. NISHANTH PATIL, MR. E.C. AGRAWALA, MR. FARUKH RASHEED FOR S. NO. [8] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MR. SIDDHARTHA JHA, MR. SANDEEP KUMAR JHA (FOR STATE OF RAJASTHAN), MS. NIDHI JASWAL FOR S.NO. [9] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MR. MUKESH KUMAR, MR. YASH S. VIJAY (INTERVENOR) FOR S.NO. [10] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MS. MISHA ROHATGI MOHTA, M/S. KARANJAWALA & CO., MR. KRISHNA BALLABH THAKUR, MR. T.R.B. SIVAKUMAR, MR. AADITYA A . PANDE (STATE

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Diary No(s). 39857/2024 (PIL-W)
(IA No. 75416/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 388/2009 In W.P.(C) No. 202/1995 (PIL-W)
(FOR ON IA 1/2017)

SLP(C) No. 25047/2018 (XVI)

Diary No(s). 12516/2019 (XVII)

[IA No. 68530/2019 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, IA No. 68535/2019 - EX-PARTE STAY, IA No. 68538/2019 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 220462/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT, IA No. 68527/2019 - PERMISSION TO FILE APPEAL)

SMW(C) No. 1/2023 (PIL-W)

[IA No. 282482/2024 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 285430/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No. 227339/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT)

SLP(C) No. 26642/2024 (IV-B)

(IA No. 257198/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT AND IA No. 33258/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE APPLICATION FOR DIRECTION)

Date : 16-04-2025 This petition was called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

[1] I.A. NO.62990 & 62991 OF 2025

1. Issue notice, returnable on 29.04.2025.
2. Dasti, in addition, is permitted.
3. In addition to the usual mode, liberty is granted to the applicant to serve notice through the Standing Counsel for the respondent(s).
4. Mr. G.S. Makker, learned Advocate-on-Record waives and accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1.

[2] I.A. NO.280902 OF 2024 WITH I.A. NOS. 91650 & 91651 OF 2025

1. As prayed, four weeks' time is granted to the Central Empowered Committee (for short "CEC") to examine the issue and

submit its report before the next date of hearing.

2. List on 21.05.2025.

[3] I.A. NO.100351 & 100352 OF 2024 AND I.A. NOS. 56927, 56928 & 56929 OF 2025

1. Issue notice, returnable on 21.05.2025.

2. In addition to the usual mode, liberty is granted to the applicant to serve notice through the Standing Counsel for the respondent/State.

[4] I.A. NOS. 51877 & 51878 OF 2025 AND I. A. NO. 255587 OF 2024 (CEC REPORT NO. 24/2024)

List on 29.04.2025.

[5] I.A. NOS. 34252 & 45139 OF 2025

1. The prayer(s) made in the application are within the domain of the policy of the State Government.

2. As such, we are not inclined to entertain these applications.

3. The applications are disposed of with liberty to the applicant(s) to make an appropriate application to the State, which will be considered on its own merits.

[6] I.A. NO. 50686, 50687 OF 2025

1. Learned counsel for the applicant(s) seeks permission to withdraw these applications with liberty to file fresh applications with all the necessary particulars.

2. Permission is granted.

3. Hence, these applications are disposed of as withdrawn with liberty as prayed for.

[7] I.A. NOS. 227104, 227108 OF 2023 AND I.A. NO. 237508 OF 2023

1. Issue notice, returnable on 21.05.2025.

2. In addition to the usual mode, liberty is granted to the applicant to serve notice through the Standing Counsel for the respondent(s).

3. Mr. Gurmeet Singh Makker, learned Advocate-on-Record waives and accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1 -Union of India.

[8] I.A. NOS. 89008 & 89010 OF 2025

1. Mr. K. Parameshwar, learned Amicus Curiae states that these applications pertain to the Aravalli Range and that it will be appropriate that all the applications/matters pertaining to the Aravalli Range are heard together.

2. List all these applications/matters pertaining to the Aravalli Range on 26.05.2025.

3. The list of all the applications shall be furnished by the learned Amicus Curiae to the Registry of this Court.

[9] IA Nos. 89083 and 89084 of 2025

1. The present applications have been filed by the present applicant(s) praying for directions restraining the State of Punjab from giving effect to the proposal declaring 1 to 3 kms

ESZ area abutting the Sukhna Lake.

2. The notification of the Eco-Sensitive Zone(ESZ) is a statutory duty of the State and the Union of India. The State is required to submit a proposal for identifying the ESZ around the Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks. Thereafter, the proposal is required to be forwarded to the Union of India, which is then required to notify the ESZ area in accordance with the procedure prescribed under the Statute.

3. One of the essential requirements is the issuance of the preliminary notification and providing an opportunity of hearing to the affected parties.

4. The prayer in the present application(s) for restraining the State of Punjab from discharging its statutory functions cannot be granted.

5. The applications are, accordingly, rejected, reserving the liberty to the applicants to take objections on the preliminary notification, which would be considered in accordance with law.

[10] IA Nos. 82247, 82248 of 2025 and IA Nos. 82524 & 82525 of 2025

1. The present applications have been filed with the following prayers:

“a) Allow the present Application and direct the respondent/State to take immediate steps to obtain permission to the Hon’ble Court, in terms of order dated 09.05.2024, to extend the period of the mining lease so as to enable the Applicant to carry out

mining operations; and

b) Pass an ad-interim ex-parte direction permitting the Applicant to carry out the mining operations till such time the respondent/State seeks permission of this Hon'ble Court in terms of order dated 09.05.2024 and the issue is adjudicated upon by this Hon'ble court."

2. It can thus be seen that the prayer is for a direction to the State to take immediate steps to obtain permission of this Court, to extend the period of the mining lease so as to enable the applicant(s) to carry out the mining operations.

3. An ex-parte ad-interim order has been sought so as to enable the applicant(s) to carry out mining operations till such time the respondent-State seeks permission of this Court in terms of order dated 09.05.2024.

4. Mr. Shiv Mangal Sharma, learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the State of Rajasthan submits that though the State is processing all such applications for grant/renewal of mining lease, it is not permitting the actual mining, unless this Court permits it.

5. In any case, the prayer clause (b) which seeks a direction to permit mining activities without the express permission of this Court is totally untenable.

6. The applications are, accordingly, rejected.

[11] I. A. NOS. 90595 & 90596 OF 2025

1. Issue notice, returnable on 29.04.2025.

2. Dasti service, in addition, is granted.

3. In addition to the usual mode, liberty is granted to the petitioner(s) to serve notice through the Central Agency/Standing Counsel for the respondent(s).

[12] I.A. NOS. 269550, 269552 AND 269553 OF 2024

1. This matter pertains to a new road being constructed connecting Village Basai in District Nooh to the State of Rajasthan. It is the contention of the applicants that the road is constructed in order to facilitate transport of illegal mining in the mine situated across the border in Rajasthan.

2. The report of the Central Empowered Committee (CEC) supports the stand of the applicants.

3. From the report it appears that neither the Revenue Authority nor the Chief Secretary of Haryana have responded to the request of the CEC to attend the joint survey.

4. Issue notice to the State of Haryana.

5. Mr. Akshay Amritanshu, learned counsel, appears and accepts notice for the State of Haryana.

6. The Collector, Nooh and Deputy Superintendent of Police, Nooh are directed to ensure that with immediate effect no work on the said road should be permitted to continue.

7. List on 29.04.2025.

1. From the record it is clear that on 08.01.2025 this Court, after perusing the compliance affidavit of the State of Rajasthan, had noted that the State had recommended to constitute a Committee. The terms and conditions were to be jointly finalized by the Union of India and the State of Rajasthan.

2. When the matter came up for hearing on 16.01.2025, the Court recorded that the State of Rajasthan had already recommended a Committee to be chaired by a retired Judge of the High Court of Rajasthan.

3. In the said order, this Court had observed that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) should address the issue at the earliest and take a final decision with regard to the constitution of Expert Committee. This Court had further directed that the MoEF&CC to take a decision prior to 19.03.2025 and report compliance to this Court. The matter was directed to be kept for hearing on 19.03.2025.

4. On 19.03.2025, learned counsel appearing on behalf of MoEF&CC sought time till today.

5. Today also when the matter is called out Ms. Archana Pathak Dave, learned Additional Solicitor General of India,

appearing on behalf of MoEF&CC is not in a position to inform the Court as to whether a Committee has been constituted or not.

6. From the perusal of the record, it appears that the MoEF&CC is taking the matter in a casual manner. When this Court, vide order dated 16.01.2025, had specifically directed a decision to be taken prior to 19.03.2025, the MoEF&CC ought to have taken a decision.

7. Issue notice to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) directing him to remain personally present in this Court at 10.30 a.m. on 29.04.2025 and show cause as to why an action for committing contempt of the order of this Court dated 16.01.2025 be not taken against him.

8. List on 29.04.2025.

[15] I.A. NO. 172422, 172425, 172427, 172429, 179359 OF 2024 AND I.A. NO. 290215 & 290217 OF 2024

At the request of Mr. Tushar Mehta, learned Solicitor General of India, list on 29.04.2025.

[16] CONTEMPT PETITION(C) DIARY NO. 39857 OF 2024 WITH I.A. NO. 81754 & 81576 OF 2025 IN W.P. (C) NO. 202 OF 1995

1. Mr. K. Parameshwar, learned Amicus Curiae has suggested

certain aspects pertaining to Kolleru Wildlife Sanctuary to be re-visited by the Central Empowered Committee (for short "CEC").

2. We, therefore, request the CEC to inspect Kolleru Wildlife Sanctuary and submit its report on the following aspects:

a. Actual status of compliance of the judgement dated 10.04.2006 in T.N Godavarman Thirumalpad v Union of India, (2006) 5 SCC 47;

b. CEC shall examine the working of the Andhra Pradesh Wetland State Authority and whether the said authority continued to monitor the effective implementation of the Central Wetland Rules and especially the judgement of this Hon'ble Court;

c. Examine the Status of the boundaries of the Kolleru Wildlife Sanctuary and the resolution of the Standing Committee of the National Wildlife Board in its meeting dated 08.08.2015 and the report of the working group chaired by Prof. R Sukumar dated 02.01.2017;

d. CEC shall specifically look into the settlement of private rights and as to whether the same was done in accordance with the provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 before notifying the sanctuary."

3. List these applications after 12 weeks.

[17] ISSUE REGARDING ORDER DATED 18.03.2025 PASSED IN W.P. (C)NO. 13381 OF 1984.

1. A perusal of the order dated 18.03.2025 passed in Writ Petition (C) No. 13381 of 1984, would reveal that the State of Rajasthan has issued a notification dated 23.03.2021, whereby an area of 27.855 square kilometers has been de-notified which was earlier forming part of Badh Baraitha Wildlife Sanctuary.

2. Vide order dated 13.11.2000, this Court had specifically directed that pending further orders, no dereservation of forests/sanctuaries/national parks shall be effected.

3. *Prima facie*, the notification dated 23.03.2021 appears to be in contempt of order passed by this Court dated 13.11.2000.

4. Issue notice to the State of Rajasthan as well as MoEF&CC calling upon them to explain the situation.

5. Mr. Saurabh Rajpal, learned Advocate-on-Record waives and accepts notice on behalf of the respondent/State.

6. List this matter/application in the last week of May, 2025.

[18] I. A. NOS. 153500 & 153501 OF 2024 WITH I. A. NO. 153502 OF 2024

1. Vide our order dated 20.11.2024, we had recorded the

observations made by the learned National Green Tribunal (NGT) that the area wherein Saranda Wildlife Sanctuary is situated consists of pristine forest and it is a repository of some of the finest Sal trees in the country.

2. We had, therefore, directed the State Government to file an affidavit to explain as to why the State did not take steps to implement the directions issued by the learned NGT on 12.07.2022, though a period of two and half years had lapsed from the date of the said order.

3. When the matter was listed on 20.02.2025, we had considered the affidavit dated 02.12.2024 filed by the State.

4. We referred to the affidavit filed by one Mr. Aviroop Sinha, DFO Saranda, Van Bhawan, Chaibasa, wherein it was stated that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest Wildlife (PCCF-WL)-cum-Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW), Jharkhand vide his Memo dated 29.11.2024 had moved a proposal to the Government of Jharkhand for declaration of "Saranda Wildlife Sanctuary" and "Sasandaburu Conservation Reserve".

5. We, therefore, expected that the State of Jharkhand would take a final decision in that regard expeditiously. The matter was, therefore, directed to be kept today.

6. Today, again an affidavit has filed by the State Government by the same officer that is Mr. Aviroop Sinha.

7. In this affidavit, it is stated that the proposal which

was received from PCCF-WL-cum-CMLW on 29.11.2024 has been sent back by the Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change, Government of Jharkhand to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) on 23.03.2025 for his examination and comments.

8. It was almost after a period of four months from the date on which the proposal was received by the State Government from PCCF-WL-cum-CMLW that the proposal has again been sent back to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests for his comments.

9. We do not understand the propriety of keeping the matters pending almost for four months, particularly when an impression was given to this Court in the affidavit dated 02.12.2024 that the matter is being processed expeditiously by the State Government.

10. The Secretary, Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change, Government of Jharkhand is, therefore, directed to remain present in this Court on 29.04.2025 at 10:30 a.m. and show cause as to why action should not be taken for dilly dallying the matter without any valid reasons.

11. List on 29.04.2025 at 10:30 a.m.

[19] I.A. NO. 5891 OF 2019 AND I.A. NOS. 259426, 259429 & 259431 OF 2024

1. As prayed, list these applications in the last week of May, 2025.

2. In the meantime, rejoinder affidavit, if any, be filed.

[20] I.A. NOS. 212089, 212084 & 212086 OF 2024, C.A. Diary No. 12516 of 2019 and SUO-MOTU WRIT PETITION (C) NO. 1 OF 2023

List these application(s)/matter(s) after 12 weeks.

[21(a)] I.A. NO. 156703 OF 2024 and IA. Nos. 156707 & 156710 of 2024 with I.A. NO. 182429 & 182432 of 2024 and IA No. 279970 & 279972 of 2024 and I.A No. 8102 of 2025

List these application(s)/matter(s) after 12 weeks.

[21(b)] IA No. 211378, 211725 and 245699 of 2024

1. The present applications have been filed seeking following reliefs:-

“(a) Direct the State of Rajasthan to forthwith stop all illegal Mining activities being conducted within 10 km. from the Sariska Wild Life Sanctuary without having obtained approval/permission of the National Board of Wildlife;

(b) Direct the State of Rajasthan to forthwith stop all mining activities which are being permitted, without taking consideration of NBWL, within 1-10 km of the Sariska Wildlife Sanctuary in violation of orders dated 3.6.2022 and 26.4.2023 passed by the Hon’ble Court.”

2. Vide our order dated 19.03.2025, we had directed the State of Rajasthan to appoint/nominate a Nodal Officer in the office of District Mining Office, Alwar. We had further directed that such officer, on receipt of a complaint/representation would take a decision on the

grievance of the person making it within a period of two weeks from making the complaint/representation.

3. It has been further clarified that if such a grievance is not entertained, the aggrieved person can approach the jurisdictional High Court for raising their grievance.

3. In light of the aforesaid order, we do not find any reason to entertain the present application.

4. If the applicant(s) so desire, they can get the benefit of the order dated 19.03.2025 and make a representation to the Nodal Officer.

5. The applications are, accordingly, disposed of.

[22 (a) & (b)] I.A. No. 263809 of 2023 with I.A. Nos. 263810, 263811 and 263812 of 2023 and I.A. No. 92980 of 2024 and .A. No. 141598 of 2024

List on 21.05.2025.

[22(c)] SLP(C) No. 26642 of 2024

1. This special leave petition challenges the order dated 21.10.2024 passed by the Division Bench of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh in CWP no. 28459 of 2029. The said order reads as under:

“1. The grievance of the petitioners is that their proposal for grant of sanction to construct residential houses in Village Nada and Karoran, District Mohali, Punjab, which are situated close to the Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary, are not being

processed by the concerned authorities.

2. Learned counsel for State of Punjab has drawn the attention of this Court to recent interlocutory order passed by Apex Court on 14.02.2024 in Writ Petition(s) (Civil) No.202 of 1995, titled as IN RE: T.N. Godavarman Thirumulpad Vs. Union of India and others, whereby, I.A. No.263809 & 263810 of 2023, raising similar prayers as raised in this petition were kept pending and are under consideration, since the Apex Court appears to be seized of the matter.

3. Accordingly, the present petition stands disposed of with liberty to petitioner to approach the Apex Court."

2. The limited grievance of the petitioners is with regard to the non-consideration of the proposal for grant of sanction to construct residential houses in Village Nada and Karoran, District Mohali, Punjab which are situated close to the Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary.

3. It is their grievance that the proposal was not processed by the concerned authority.

4. When the matter was heard by the High Court, learned counsel for the State had drawn the attention of the Court towards the orders passed by this court in the present proceedings.

5. This Court in the present proceedings has passed the following order on 19.03.2025:

"1. Shri Gurminder Singh, learned Advocate General,

appearing on behalf of the State of Punjab states that the border abutting Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary in the State of Punjab is about 13.2 kilometers. He states that in the said area there are certain thickly populated areas and the concern of the people residing in such areas shall also to be taken into consideration.

2. Learned Advocate General further submits that the State of Punjab proposes to have Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) ranging for 11.2 kilometers from the 13.2 kilometers area. Insofar as the remaining two kilometers is concerned the learned Advocate General states that the State Government proposes to have two 100 meters buffer zones where no activities would be permitted.

3. Learned Advocate General states that the proposal to that effect would be approved by the Cabinet and thereafter be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), within a period of four weeks from today.

4. Shri Narender Hooda, learned senior counsel, Ms. Shalini Kaul, learned counsel and Mr. Dinesh C. Pandey, appearing for the applicant(s) submit that the applicants have purchased residential plots in

the proposed ESZ areas. It is submitted that though the residential activity is a permitted activity within the ESZ areas, the applications for grant of permission to carry out constructions are not being considered by the competent authority.

5. Shri Gurminder Singh, learned Advocate General for the State of Punjab, states that the respective Municipal Committees within whose jurisdiction such plots are situated would consider such applications in accordance with law and if the plans submitted are permissible with the requisite height restrictions there should be no impediment in granting the same.

6. We take the statement of learned General for the State of Punjab on record.

7. List after four weeks."

6. Perusal of the order would reveal that Shri Gurminder Singh, the then learned Advocate General had pointed out that border abutting Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary in the State of Punjab is about 13.2 kilometers. It would further reveal that for an area abutting 11.2 kilometers, Eco-Sensitive Zone area would be between 1 to 3 kilometers.

7. He had further submitted that insofar as the remaining two kilometers are concerned, taking into consideration that the said area is a thickly populated area and a huge number of

people are residing therein, the State Government proposes to have two separate 100 meters buffer zones at two different places where no activities would be permitted.

8. Learned Advocate General had also stated that the proposal to that effect would soon be approved by the Cabinet and thereafter be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC).

9. We are informed by the learned counsel for the State of Punjab that the Cabinet has already approved the proposal and the matter has been forwarded to the MoEF&CC for necessary action.

10. It is pertinent to note that we had also recorded the statement of the then learned Advocate General for the State of Punjab, to the effect that the respective Municipal Committees within whose jurisdiction such plots are situated, would consider such applications in accordance with law and if the plans submitted are permissible and are conformant to the requisite height restrictions, there should be no impediment in granting the same.

11. We, therefore, direct the MoEF&CC to issue a final notification with regard to the ESZ for the Sukhna Wildlife area within a period of three months today after complying with all the statutory requirements.

12. On such ESZ notification being issued, we direct the State Government to instruct all the planning authorities within its jurisdiction abutting the Sukhna Lake to consider and decide all such applications for grant of permission to carry out construction and decide the same in accordance with the provisions made in the said ESZ notification. Such applications would be decided by the Municipal Committee within a period of three months from the date on which the final notification would be issued.

13. In that view of the matter, the special leave petition is disposed of.

14. Pending application(s), if any, stand disposed of.

[23] IA. A. NOS. 79569 AND 79576 OF 2019 with I. A. Nos. 159670 and 159677 of 2019 with I. A. D. NOS. 14261 AND 14262 OF 2021, I. A. NOS. 40599 AND 40624 OF 2023, and I.A. NO. 220675 OF 2023

1. Learned counsel for the State to take instructions as to whether the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (for short "NEERI") has submitted its report.

2. If it is submitted, the State may obtain a copy from the NEERI and file it in this Court.

3. Copies of the said report shall also be supplied to all the concerned parties.

4. List on 29.04.2025.

[24] SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION(C)No. 25047 of 2018

List this matter after 12 weeks.

[25] I.A. Nos. 268213 & 268214 of 2024

1. We had issued notice in the matter after noticing the contention of the applicant(s) that the land allotted to the applicants was not a 'forest land' and in spite of that they were sought to be evicted.

2. The perusal of the order passed by this Court dated 07.05.2022 would reveal that this Court had directed that all those families who had been identified as having encroached on forest land prior to 1978 shall be given one month's notice to vacate their encroachments and shift to the allotted land.

3. Similarly, this Court had directed that those who had shifted to the allotted sites but have occupied more land than they were entitled to shall also be given one month's notice to vacate the extra land occupied by them.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration states that the Union Territory (for short "U.T.") is not taking any steps for eviction of the allottees insofar as the original allotment of land to the extent of one hectare is concerned. It is stated that, however, only where encroachment is on an area of more than one hectare, the U.T. is taking steps to remove the encroachment so as to provide the said land to other eligible persons.

5. We take on record the statement made by learned counsel

for the Andaman & Nicobar Administration.

6. The applications are, accordingly, disposed of.

7. Needless to state that the allottees shall be entitled to protection only in respect of the area originally allotted to them and the Andaman & Nicobar Administration would be at liberty to take steps for removal of encroachment from the land held in excess of the original allotment.

[26] IA Nos. 254548, 254550 and 254551 of 2023

List on 21.05.2025.

[27] Contempt Petition(C) D.NO. 34292 OF 2024 with I.A. NO. 168256 OF 2024 in W.P. (C) NO. 202 OF 1995

List on 29.04.2025.

[28]. I.A. Nos. 1424-1425 of 2005 and I.A. No. 2749 of 2009, I.A. No. 2211 of 2008, I.A. No. 3427 of 2012, I.A. Nos. 167802 AND 167804 of 2019 with I.A. Nos. 187590 AND 187591 of 2019 and I.A. NO. 67672 OF 2025 (CEC REPORT NO. 09/2025 IN I.A. NOS. 1424-1425 /2005) with I.A. NO. 92550 OF 2025 with CONTEMPT PETITION (C) No. 388 of 2009 IN I.A. Nos. 1424-1425 of 2005 IN W.P.(C) No. 202 of 1995 WITH SLP(C)No. 37511 of 2013 and W.P.(C) No. 469 of 2005

List on 26.05.2025.

[29] I.A. NO. 118236 & 129623 OF 2020, I.A. NO. 179389 OF 2018 (in I.A. 502), I.A. NO. 69399 OF 2021, I.A. NO. 144539 OF 2021 & I.A. NO. 13413 OF 2023 (CEC Report NO. 02/2023), I.A NO. 217138 OF 2024

List these applications after 12 weeks.

[30] I.A. No. 82534 of 2025

List on 29.04.2025.

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