

ITEM NOS. (18 + 21)

COURT NO.1

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 (CIVIL) NO. 202/1995

IN RE : T.N. GODAVARMAN THIRUMULPAD

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

(BY COURTS MOTION)

INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION FOR 08.10.2025 "ONLY"

[1] IA NOS. 244339 & 244340 OF 2025.

[2] I.A. NO. 252192 OF 2025 (CEC Report No. 50 of 2025, Report of CEC for regularization of Staff working with CEC)

[3] I.A. NOS. 216120, 216122 & 216123 OF 2025 [Applications for Intervention, Directions & O.T. filed by Mr. A. Karthik, Advocate] IN RE : HILTON STONES AND AGGREGATES LLP WITH I.A. NOS. 253153 & 253154 OF 2025.

[4] I.A. NOS. 251558, 252948 & 252949 OF 2025.

[5] I. A. NOS. 153500 & 153501 OF 2024 [Applications for Directions and Exemption from filing O.T. filed by Ms. Shibani Ghosh, Advocate] IN RE : DR. DAYA SHANKAR SRIVASTAVA (SARANDA GAME SANCTUARY), WITH I.A. NO. 153502 OF 2024 AND I.A. NO. 214893 OF 2025 (Application for Directions on behalf of 'Electrosteel Castings Ltd.' filed by M/s. Khaitan & Co., Advocate) IN RE : ELECTROSTEEL CASTINGS LTD. AND I.A. NOS. 252324 & 252325 OF 2025.

[6] I.A. NO. 285881 OF 2024 (Application for Impleadment as Co-petitioners filed by Mr. Arun K. Sinha, Advocate) WITH I.A. NOS. 285829 & 285830 OF 2024 (Applications for Directions and Exemption from filing O.T. filed by Mr. Arun K. Sinha, Advocate) AND I.A. NO. 300603 OF 2024 (Application seeking Impleadment of the owner of the Land as Party Respondent filed by Mr. Arun K. Sinha, Advocate) IN RE : UDIT NARAYAN SONAKIYA & ANR.

[7] I.A. NO. 117204 OF 2024 (CEC REPORT NO. 5 OF 2024-Status Report in Delhi Ridge) IN RE : MINISTRY OF FINANCE IN RE : DELHI RIDGE.

[7(a)] ISSUE REGARDING ORDER DATED 16.04.2025 PASSED IN W.P.(C)NO. 4677 OF 1985

[8] I.A. NO. 253621 OF 2025 (CEC REPORT NO. 51 OF 2025).

[9] I. A. NO. 206419 OF 2025 [CEC REPORT NO. 40 OF 2025] IN RE : ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGICAL HAZARDS POSED BY CONOCARPUS SPECIES IN INDIA

[10] I. A. NO. 185901 OF 2025 [CEC REPORT NO. 36 OF 2025] IN RE : RECENT INCIDENT OF TIGER DEATHS IN MAL MAHADESHWARA HILLS WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, KARNATAKA

[11] I.A.NOS. 90595 & 90596 OF 2025 [Applications for permission to file Impleadment and application for Impleadment filed by M/s. Hooda & Co., Advocate] IN RE : B.K. SINGH - IFS (RETD.)

[12] I. A. NOS. 159124 & 159125 OF 2025 [Applications for Directions & Exemption from filing O.T. on behalf of 'Stone Crusher Owners Association' filed by Mr. Ajit Sharma, Advocate] IN RE : STONE CRUSHER OWNERS ASSOCIATION

[13] IN RE: RAJAJI-CORBETT WILDLIFE CORRIDOR I. A. NOS. 205624 & 205625 OF 2025 [Applications for Impleadment & Directions on behalf of 'Centre for Sustainable Green Economy, Through its Authorized Representative Naresh Chaudhary' filed by Ms. Rani Mishra, Advocate] IN RE : CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABLE GREEN ECONOMY, THROUGH ITS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE NARESH CHAUDHARY

[14] I. A. NOS. 138323 & 138324 OF 2025 [Applications for Intervention & Directions on behalf of 'K.B. Belliappa & Ors.' filed by Ms. Shibani Ghosh, Advocate] IN RE : K.B. BELLIPPA & ORS.

[15] 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 W.P. (C) NO. 202/1995 IN RE : K. MRUTYUNJAYA RAO IN RE : ANDHRA PRADESH STATE FISH FARMERS ASSOCIATION AND CIVIL APPEAL NO. 6790 OF 2025

[15(a)] I. A. NOS. 81754 & 81576 OF 2025 [Applications for Directions and Intervention filed by Mr. Yash S. Vijay, Advocate in W.P.(C)No. 202/1995] IN RE : ANDHRA PRADESH STATE FISH FARMERS ASSOCIATION

[16] I. A. NOS. 185063, 185065 & 185066 OF 2025 [Applications for Directions, Exemption from filing O.T. & Intervention on behalf of 'Debadityo Sinha' filed by Ms. Shibani Ghosh, Advocate] WITH I. A. NO. 233149 OF 2025 [Application for permission to place on record additional facts and documents on behalf of 'Debadityo Sinha' filed by Ms. Shibani Ghosh, Advocate] IN RE : DEBADITYO SINHA

[17] I. A. NO. 88067 2025 [Application for Clarification of order dated 24.10.2025 filed by Ms. Sugandha Anand, Advocate] IN RE : THE STATE OF HIMACHAL PRADESH AND WITH I. A. NOS. 110655 & 110660 OF 2025 [Applications for Clarification & Modification of order dated 24.10.2025 and Exemption from filing O.T. filed by Mr. Ajit Sharma, Advocate] WITH I. A. NO. 120608 OF 2025 [Application seeking permission to filed application for Clarification & Modification of order dated 24.10.2025 filed by Mr. Ajit Sharma, Advocate] WITH I.A. NO. 232603 OF 2025 [Application for seeking permission to file an application to bring additional documents on record filed by Mr. Ajit Sharma, Advocate] IN RE : M/S. GOLDSTONE CRUSHING COMPANY

[18] I.A. NO. 218391 OF 2024 (CEC REPORT NO. 19 OF 2024) IN RE : TO PREVENT THE CONSTRUCTION OF BAL-BHARATI PAUD PHATA (BBPP) ROAD, BY PUNE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (PMC) AND SLP(C) DIARY NO. 22109 OF 2025

[19] I. A. NOS. 125603 & 125604 OF 2025 [Applications for Intervention and Directions] WITH I. A. NOS. 234942 OF 2025 [CEC Report No. 45 of 2025 in I.A. Nos. 125603 & 125604 of 2025] IN RE : JITUL DEKA WITH I. A. NOS. 232640 & 233236 OF 2025 [Applications for Impleadment & Directions filed by Ms. Rangoli Seth, Advocate] IN RE : UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY MEGHALAYA WITH I.A. NO. 253165 OF 2025

[20] I. A. NOS. 125409 & 125412 OF 2025 [Applications for Intervention and Directions] IN RE : DILIP NATH

[21] I.A. NO. 283732 OF 2024 (CEC REPORT NO. 30 OF 2024) IN RE: NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT ORDER DATED 12.12.1996 AND JUDGMENT DATED 06.07.2011

[22] 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] AND I. A. NO. 139151 OF 2025 [Application for Exemption from filing O.T. in Counter Affidavit] IN RE : SHRI RAM KRISHNA PANDEY

[23] IN RE : RANTHAMBORE TIGER RESERVE I.A. NOS. 117782, 117783 & 117785 OF 2025 [Applications for Impleadment, Directions and O.T.] WITH I.A. NO. 169828 OF 2025 [Applications Exemption from filing O..T. in Compliance Affidavit] IN RE : SANJAY KUMAR

[24] IN RE: SATKOSIA TIGER RESERVE, ODISHA I.A. NOS. 167477 & 167479 OF 2025 (Applications for Impleadment and Directions in filed by Ms. Rani Mishra, Advocate) IN RE: SANJAY KUMAR

[25] I. A. NOS. 28216 & 28217 OF 2025 [Applications for Impleadment and Directions filed by Mr. Sachin Patil, Advocate] WITH I.A. NO. 198410 OF 2025 (Application for Exemption from filing O.T. in Reply) IN I.A. NOS. 3864-3866 OF 2015 (Applications for Impleadment, Clarification and O.T. filed by Mr. Sachin Patil, Advocate) IN RE : ASHOK BHIWAJI DESAI

[26] I. A. NOS. 104049 AND 104048 OF 2025 [Applications for Directions, Exemption from filing O.T. filed by Ms. Aruna Gupta, Advocate] WITH I.A. NO. 140936 OF 2025 (Application for Impleadment filed by Ms. Aruna Gupta, Advocate) IN RE : M/S. ARPIT MARBLES PVT. LTD.

[26(a)] I.A. NOS. 127050, 127055 and 132503 OF 2025 [Applications for Directions, Exemption from filing O.T. filed and Impleadment by Ms. Aruna Gupta, Advocate] IN RE : KARNI MARBLES & ORS.

[26(b)] I.A. NOS. 105337 & 105336 OF 2025 [Applications for Directions and Exemption from filing O.T. filed by Ms. Aruna Gupta, Adv.] WITH I. A. NO. 110791 OF 2025 [Application for Impleadment filed by Ms. Aruna Gupta, Adv.] IN RE : M/S. ANDHI MINERAL AND MARBLES PVT. LTD.

[27] I.A. NOS. 231704, 231707 & 231709 OF 2025 [Applications for Intervention, Directions & exemption from filing O.T. filed by Ms. Shibani Ghosh, Advocate] IN RE : KISHAN MEENA & ORS.

[28] I.A. NOS. 269550, 269552 AND 269553 OF 2024 [Application for Impleadment, Directions and O.T. filed by Ms. Rani Mishra, Advocate] WITH I.A. NO. 100529 OF 2025 [CEC REPORT NO. 17 OF 2025] WITH I.A. NO. 137359 OF 2025 [CEC REPORT NO. 29 OF 2025- ADDENDUM TO THE REPORT NO. 17 OF 2025 IN I.A. NO. 269550, 269552 AND 269553 OF 2024] WITH I.A. NO. 162898 OF 2025 [CEC REPORT NO. 29 (A) OF 2025- STATUS REPORT OF CEC IN I.A. NOS. 269550, 269552, 269553 OF

2024] IN RE : JUMMA & ORS.

[29] I.A. NOS. 85332 AND 85124 OF 2023 [Applications For Intervention And Directions] WITH I.A. NOS. 60136 AND 60352 OF 2024 (Applications For Intervention Filed By Mr. Anurag Tandon, Advocate In I.A. No. 85332/2023) WITH I.A. NOS. 64180 AND 64434 OF 2024 [(Applications For Interventions Filed By Mr. Anurag Tandon, Advocate On Behalf Of "Bilibar Patar" And "Harichandra Boro", Applicants Respectively In I.A. No. 85332/2023) WITH I.A. NO. 67379 OF 2024 (Application For Permission To Bring On Record Additional Documents Filed By Mr. Shuvodeep Roy, Advocate In I.A. No. 85124/2023) IN RE : ROHIT CHOUDHARY IN RE : PITSING KONWAR & APURBA KUMAR DEKA IN RE : BILIBAR PATAR & HARICHANDRA BORO

[30] I.A. NOS. 198330 & 198331 OF 2025 [Applications for Intervention & O.T. on behalf of 'Aanchal Raturi' filed by Mr. Vaibhav Niti, Advocate], I.A. NOS. 209648 & 209650 OF 2025 [Applications for Directions & O.T. on behalf of 'Aanchal Raturi' filed by Mr. Vaibhav Niti, Advocate] IN RE : AANCHAL RATURI

[30(a)] WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) 845 OF 2025 ANAMIKA RANA VS. UNION OF INDIA AND ORS

[31] CONTEMPT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 938 OF 2021 IN CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 12234-12235 OF 2018

[32] I.A. NO. 94317 OF 2020 [Application for Directions filed by Mr. P.K. Manohar, Advocate] WITH I.A. NOS. 26806 & 37623 OF 2021 [Applications for exemption from filing O.T. with Reply & Compliance Report] IN RE : NATURE CONSERVATION SOCIETY, AMRAVATI

[33] CONTEMPT PETITION (C) DIARY NO. 2019 OF 2023 IN I.A. NOS. 2559-2560 OF 2009 SUHAIL KHAN VS. MAMTA SANJIV DUBEY & ORS. IN WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 202/1995

[34] MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATION NO. 1390 OF 2024 WITH I.A. NOS. 173278 OF 2024 [Appeal against Registrar order under order XV Rule 5 of SCR, 2013] IN MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATION DIARY NO. 29161 OF 2024 WITH I.A. D. NO. 142418 OF 2024 [Application for Restoration of Contempt Petition (C) No. 390/2012] IN CONTEMPT PETITION (C) NO. 390 OF 2012 S. ANKUN MINERALS PVT LTD. VS. RAJKUMAR DUBEY IN WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 202/1995

[35] I.A. NOS. 135329 & 135330 OF 2025 [Applications for

Impleadment & Exemption from filing O.T. on behalf of 'M/s. Kanhaiya Lal' Applicant filed by Mr. Ankit R. Shah, Advocate] WITH I.A. NOS. 135327 & 135328 OF 2025 [Applications for Directions & Exemption from filing O.T. on behalf of 'M/s. Kanhaiya Lal' Applicant filed by Mr. Ankit R. Shah, Advocate] IN RE : M/S. KANHAIYA LAL

ARAVALI BATCH:

[36] WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 202/1995

[36(i)] I.A. NO. 105701/2024 (CEC REPORT NO. 03/2024) [CEC Report No. 3 dt. 07.03.2004 regarding in compliance of the order dt.10.01.2024 of the Hon'ble Court. Accordingly, the CEC is of the opinion that these three I.As Nos. 87550, 107909 and 112526 of 2023 may be considered after this Hon'ble Court considers and decides on the broader issues about mining in Aravali Hill and Ranges.

[36(ii)] I. A. NOS. 828, 839, 840, 850, 853-854, 855-856, 866-868, 869-870, 871-872, 873-874, 875-876, 877-878, 879-880, 881-882, 891-892, 900, 905, 1488, 1590, 1612-1613, 1700, 1701, 1702, 1703, 2007-2008, 2138-2139, 2205, 2445, 2536, 2567, 2574, 2636, 2658-2659, 2719, 2761, 2765, 2766, 2767, 2768-2769, 128672 and 128673/2019 IN 2858/2010, 2872-2873, 2932, 2933, 2934, and 2879/2010, 3086/2010, 3089-3090/2011, 3091, 3137, I.A. D. NO. 76048/2009, 3597, I. A. D. No. 76051/2009, 3605, 3606, 3811-3812/2014, 3815, 32330/2021 AND 40279/2021 I.A. RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION 1276-1277 [Second Monitoring Report dt. 28.10.2002 of CEC regarding large scale illegal mining of stones in the forest area in aravali hills around kot village located off the road mid-way between ballabgarh-sohna road near dhauj, and Applications for Impleadment, Intervention, Directions, Modification/directions of court's order dt. 30.10.2002, Clarification/Modification of Order's dated 29.10.2002 AND 09.12.2002, 16.12.2002, Permission, permission to file additional affidavit/documents, exemption from filing O.T., Clarification/Modification of Order's dated 08.10.2009 and applications for recalling of Court's Order dated 12.12.2018 in I.A. NO. 2858/2010]

[36(iii)] 828/02 in W.P.(C) No. 202/1995 and 833/02, 834-835/02, 837/02, 846-847/02, 893-894/02, 901-902/03, 903-904/03 in 828/02, 1310/05 in 833/02, 1329/05 in 1310/05, 1331/05 in 1310/05, 1450-1452/05 in 1310/05, 2447/08 in 828/02, 2602/09 in 828/02, 2758-2759/09 in 828/02, 2803/10 & 3210/11 in 2758-2759/09, 2814/10 in 1310/05, 2834, 2836/10 in 1310/05, 2837, 2839/10 in 1310/05, 2840/10 in 2814/10 in 828/02 in 828/02, 2883-2885/10 in 1310, 2887-2889/10 in 1310, 2891, 2893/10, 3125/11 in 2877-2879/10, 3129/11 in 2874-2876/10, alongwith Rajasthan Mining, 3281/11 in 2834-2836, 3296/11 in 1310(fresh), 3361-3362/12, 3394, 3396/12 in 1310, 3397/12 in 828, 3919-3920/2015 in 2891-2893, 3951 in 834-835, 3952

in 2814-2815 in 1310, I.A.No. 3957 In I.A.No. 828 In W.P.(C)No. 202/1995 I.A.No. 27190 AND 46116 of 2019, 49985/2019 (App. For O/T) in I.A. no. 3361-3363, 50600, 50604, 57647/2019, 57468, 57653/2019, 60991, 60995, 60999/2019, 141355/2019 in I.A. NO. 50600 AND 50610 OF 2019, 153523 AND 153524/2019 in I. A. No. 828 [Second Monitoring Report dated 28.10.2002 of Central Empowered Committee and Applications for Further Directions, Modification/Clarification of Order dated 30.10.2002 and Amendment of I.A.No. 833, Impleadment, Modification/Clarification of Order dated 29/30.10.2002, Modification/Clarification, Exemption from filing O.T., Modification/ Directions, Directions, Intervention, Clarification/Modification of Order dated 08.04.2005, Interim Directions, Stay, Modification of Order dated 19.02.2010 , Permission to file Additional Documents and Early Hearing of I.A.No. 828]

[36(iv)] I.A. NOS. 110282, 110283, 111437 AND 111438 OF 2025 [Applications for Direction, O.T. and Impleadment and O.T.] IN RE : INDIAN SOAPSTONE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

[36(iv)(a)] I.A. NOS. 89008 AND 89010 OF 2025 [APPLICATIONS FOR DIRECTIONS AND EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.] WITH I.A. NO. 139000 OF 2025 (Application for Exemption from filing O.T. in Reply) IN RE : OM PRAKASH GUPTA

[36(iv)(b)] I.A. NO. 221400 OF 2025 (Application for Directions on behalf of 'State of Rajasthan' filed by Ms. Nidhi Jaswal, Advocate) IN RE: STATE OF RAJASTHAN

[36(v)] I.A. Nos. 123463, 123464 of 123465 of 2025 (Applications for Directions, Intervention and O.T.) WITH I.A. Nos. 123488, 123489 & 123490 of 2025 (Applications for Directions, Intervention and O.T.) WITH I.A. Nos. 123668, 123669 & 123670 of 2025 (Applications for Directions, Intervention and O.T.) WITH I.A. Nos. 123997, 123998 & 123999 of 2025 (Applications for Directions, Intervention and O.T.) IN I.A. Nos. 2825-2827 of 2010 IN RE : CHANDRA KANT BIYANI IN RE : ANITA BIYANI

[36(vi)] I. A. NOS. 107906 AND 107909/2023 [APPLICATIONS FOR IMPLEADMENT AND DIRECTIONS] IN RE : M/S NALWAYA MINERALS INDUSTRIES P. LTD. RAJASTHAN

[36(vii)] I.A. NOS. 112525, 112526 AND 112527/2023 [APPLICATIONS FOR IMPLEADMENT, DIRECTIONS AND EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.] IN RE : M/S NALWAYA MINERALS INDUSTRIES P. LTD. RAJASTHAN

[36(viii)] I. A. NOS. 87544, 87550 AND 91723 OF 2023 [APPLICATIONS FOR IMPLEADMENT, DIRECTIONS AND EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.] IN RE : M/S. KRISHNA MINERS AND TRADERS, RAJASTHAN

[36(ix)] I.A. NOS. 69040, 69044 AND 69050/2024 [APPLICATIONS FOR DIRECTIONS, EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. AND IMPLEADMENT] IN RE : JAIN KUMAR JAIN

[36(x)] I.A. NOS. 8156, 8157 AND 8155 OF 2024 [APPLICATIONS FOR DIRECTIONS, EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. AND IMPLEADMENT, IN RE : M/S. SHIV GRIT UDYOG, RAJASTHAN

[36(xi)] I.A.NOS. 123906 & 123914 OF 2025 [APPLICATIONS FOR IMPLEADMENT & EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. FILED BY MR. SHREY KAPOOR, ADV.) WITH I. A. NOS. 123923 & 123924 OF 2025 [APPLICATIONS FOR DIRECTIONS & EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. FILED BY MR. SHREY KAPOOR, ADV.) IN RE : MAKRANA KHAAN ANVM MAJDOOR WELFARE SOCIETY, THROUGH ITS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SH. UTKARSH BANSAL IN WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 202/1995 (Under Article 32 of the Constitution of India)

[37] Writ Petition (C) No. 4677/1985

[37(i)] IAS RELATED TO HARYANA MINING (I.A.Nos. 1785, 1967 AND 2152 IN 1967, 1962, 2443, 2186 AND 2444, 2168, IA D. NO. 75191, 2484, 2527 AND 2582 IN IA D. NO. 75191, 1866 1858- 1859, , 1891-1893, 1895, 1896, 1906, 1907-1908, 1968, 2451, 2336, IA D. NO. 58737, IA NOS. 2390, 2450 IN IA NO. 2385, 2454, 2455, 2486-2488 AND 2492, 2385, 2143, 2623, 2624, , 1937, 2415, 2579, 2780-2785, 32531/2021, 32532/2021 IN IA NO. 2450, 28631 AND 28637/2021, 31357 AND 31360/2021, 35779 & 35781/2021, 43001/2021 AND IA NO. 42525/2021 IN IA D. NO. 75191, 44798/2021 IN 31360/2021, 93600/2021, 92854 & 92850/2023, 81251, 81253/2023 AND 113069/2024 ALONGWITH C.P.(C) NO. 186/2003)

[37 (ii)] IAS RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION (I.A.Nos. 2198, 1888, 1911 AND 1912, 2306 AND 2307, 2308 AND 2309 IN IA NO. 1888, 2386 AND 2387, 2392, 2103, 2355- 2357, 2577-2578, 2575- 2576, 1894, 2497-2498, 2514- 2515, 2595-2596, 2600-2602, 2603, 2604-2605, 2606-2607, 2608- 2609, 2610-2611, 1938, 2684-2687, 2720-2721, 2758-2759, 2760-2761, 66059/2017 AND 66071/2017, 81981 AND 81982/2017, 134492 AND 134499/2017, 67457 AND 67458/2019, 128127, 134352/2020 AND 97884, 97894, 97887 AND 97899/2021) (APPLICATIONS FOR DIRECTIONS AND MODIFICATION/CLARIFICATION OF COURT'S ORDER DATED 06/05/2002, 8/10/2009, 18/03/2004, INTERVENTION AND IMPLEADMENT, PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS AND EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. AND INTERIM STAY AND PERMISSION TO FILE REPLY AFFIDAVIT AND APPLNS. RAISING OBJECTIONS AGAINST CEC REPORTS).

[38] 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, I.A. NOS. 2211 OF 2008 (Applications for Clarification of Court's Order dated 29.02.2008) In Re : BALCO AND

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.) WITH I.A. NO. 67672 OF 2025 (CEC REPORT NO. 09 OF 2025 IN I.A. NOS. 1424-1425 OF 2005) WITH I.A. NO. 92550 OF 2025 (Application for permission i.e. Objections on behalf of Bharat Aluminium Company Limited to the Report of the CEC filed by Mr. P.S. Sudheer, Advocate) WITH 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.

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 DR. N. VISAKAMURTHY, ADVOCATE FOR S. NO. [1] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.) FOR S. NO. [2] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MR. SYED MEHDI IMAM FOR S.NO. [3] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MR. ARUN K. SINHA, MR. ASHUTOSH KUMAR SHARMA (STATE OF UTTARAKHAND), MR. P.S. SUDHEER FOR S.NO. [4] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MS. SHIBANI GHOSH, MS. PALLAVI LANGAR, MR. G.S. MAKKER, M/S. KHAITAN & CO. (INTERVENOR) FOR S.NO. [5 & 5 (a)] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MR. NISHIT AGRAWAL (FOR DDA), MR. GUNTUR PRASAD (FOR CPWD), MR. M.K. MARORIA (FOR GNCT IN I.A. NO. 117204/2024) FOR S.NO. [6] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.) FOR S.NO. [7] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.) FOR S.NO. [8] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MS. SHIBANI GHOSH, MR. SANCHIT GARGA (STATE OF KARNATAKA) FOR S.NO. [9] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MR. AJIT SHARMA FOR S.NO. [10] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MS. RANI MISHRA FOR S.NO. [11] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MR. ANKIT R. SHAH FOR S.NO. [12] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MS. SHIBANI GHOSH, MR. SANCHIT GARGA (FOR STATE OF KARNATAKA) FOR S.NO. [13 & 13 (a)] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MR. MUKESH KUMAR, MR. GUNTUR PRASAD KUMAR (STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH), MR. YASH S. VIJAY (INTERVENOR) FOR CIVIL APPEAL NO. 6790 of 2025 MS. NEHA RAI, MR. GUNTUR PRAMOD KUMAR, MR. T. V. S. RAGHAVENDRA SREYAS, MR. GURMEET SINGH MAKKER FOR S.NO. [14] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MS. SHIBANI GHOSH, M/S. TRUST LEGAL FOR S.NO. [15] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MS. SUGANDHA ANAND (STATE OF HIMACHAL PRADESH), MR. AJIT SHARMA FOR S.NO. [16] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.) For SLP(Civil) Diary No.22109/2025 MS. AYUSHMA MR. AWASTHI, ARVIND S. AVHAD, MR. AADITYA ANIRUDDHA PANDE FOR S.NO. [17] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MS. SHUBHAM UPADHYAY, MS. RANGOLI SETH FOR S.NO. [18] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.), MS. SUMAN KUKRETY, MR. AVIJIT ROY, MR. ADEEL AHMAD, MR. AVNEESH ARPUTHAM, MR. DHARITRY PHOOKAN FOR S.NO. [19] MR. K. PARAMESHWAR (A.C.) FOR S.NO. [20]

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IA No. 133951/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

IA No. 133955/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES

IA No. 133949/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..)

W.P.(C) NO. 469/2005 (X)

IA No. 2/2006 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 3/2007 - STAY APPLICATION

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 388/2009 In W.P.(C) No. 202/1995 (PIL-W)

SLP(C) No. 37511/2013 (IV-C)

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IA No. 75416/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

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CONMT.PET.(C) No. 938/2021 in C.A. No. 12234-12235/2018 (XVII)

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DIARY NO(S). 2019/2023 (PIL-W)

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FOR ADMISSION and IA No.173278/2024-APPEAL AGAINST REGISTRARS ORDER XV RULE 5

W.P.(C) No. 845/2025 (PIL-W)

IA No. 228764/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

IA No. 228761/2025 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION

ITEM NO. 21

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 4677/1985

ONLY (1) HARYANA MINING MATTERS I.A.No. 1785, 1967, 2152 IN 1967, 1962, 2443, 2186, 2444, 2168, IA D. NO. 75191, 2484, 2527 AND 2582 IN IA D. NO. 75191, 1866, 1858 and 1859, , 1891, 1892 and 1893, 1895, 1896, 1906, 1907 AND 1908, 1968, 2451, 2336, IA D. NO. 58737, 2390, 2450 IN IA NO. 2385, 2454, 2455, 2486, 2487, 2488 AND 2492, 2385, 2143, 2623, 2624, 1937, 2415, 2579, 2780, 2781, 2782, 2783, 2784 AND 2785, 32531/2021, 32532/2021 IN IA NO. 2450, 28631 AND 28637/2021, 31357 AND 31360/2021, 35779 AND 35781/2021, 43525/2021 IN IA D. NO. 75191, 44798/2021 IN 31360/2021, I.A. NO. 93600/2021, 92854 AND 92850/2023, 81251, 81253/2023 AND 113069/2024 (2) CONTRUCTIONS MATTERS I.A.No. 2198, 1888, 1911 AND 1912, 2306 AND 2307, 2308 AND 2309 IN IA NO. 1888 AND 2386 AND 2387, 2388, 2392,

2103, 2355, 2356 AND 2357, 2577 AND 2578, 2575 AND 2576, 1894, 2497 AND 2498, 2514, 2515, 2595, 2596, 2600, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2611, 1938, 2684, 2685, 2686 AND 2687, 2720, 2721, 2758, 2759, 2760, 2761, 66059/2017, 66071/2017, 81981 AND 81982/2017, 134492 AND 134499/2017, 67457 AND 67458/2019, 128127 AND 134352/2020, 97884, 97894, 97887, 97899/2021 (APPLICATIONS FOR DIRECTIONS AND MODIFICATION/CLARIFICATION OF COURT'S ORDER DATED 06/05/2002, 8/10/2009, 18/03/2004, INTERVENTION AND IMPLEADMENT, PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS AND EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. AND INTERIM STAY AND PERMISSION TO FILE REPLY AFFIDAVIT AND APPLNS. RAISING OBJECTIONS AGAINST CEC REPORTS) (3) I. A. NO. 196743/2025 AND I. A. D. NO. 205299/2025 (4) I. A. NOS. 196990 AND 204550/2025 IN W.P.(C) NO. 4677/1985 "ONLY" ARE LISTED.

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

I. [1] I.A. NOS. 244339 & 244340 OF 2025:

1. Issue notice.
2. Mr. Akshay Amritanshu, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of the State of Haryana.
3. Until further orders, we direct that the State of Haryana shall not take further steps for establishment of Aravali Zoo Safari Project.
4. List on 15.10.2025.

II. [2] I.A. NO. 252192 OF 2025 (CEC REPORT NO. 50 of 2025):

List on 11.11.2025.

III. [3] I.A. NOS. 216122, 216120 & 216123 OF 2025 WITH I.A. NOS. 253153 & 253154 OF 2025:

1. The applicant - Hilton Stones and Aggregates LLP has filed IA No. 216122/2025 with the following prayer:

"a. Permit the Applicant firm to operate its quarry located at a distance of 6.79 km from the Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary in compliance with the applicable regulatory framework."

2. The application is necessitated since the

applicant's quarry site is situated within an area of 10 km from the boundary of Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary.

3. This Court *vide* its judgment dated 26.04.2023 has imposed restrictions that no mining activity would be carried out within the ESZ area and in any case within an area of 1 km from the boundary of protected wildlife sanctuary.

4. The applicant's quarry is situated at a distance of 6.79 km from the Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary and 3.4 km from the ESZ boundary.

5. In that view of the matter, IA No. 216122/2025 is allowed in terms of prayer clause 'a'.

6. IA Nos. 216120/2025 & 216123/2025 stands disposed of accordingly.

IV. [5] I. A. NOS. 153500 & 153501 OF 2024 WITH I.A. NO. 153502 OF 2024 AND I.A. NO. 214893 OF 2025 AND I.A. NOS. 252324 & 252325 OF 2025:

1. In response to the order passed by this Court dated 17.09.2025, Mr. Avinash Kumar, presently occupying the office of Chief Secretary, State of Jharkhand is personally present in the Court.

2. We have extensively heard Shri Kapil Sibal, learned senior counsel appearing for the State of Jharkhand and Shri K. Parameshwar, learned *Amicus*

Curiae.

3. Shri Sibal, submits that since inception, the proposal with regard to an area of 31,468.25 hectares for declaration as a wildlife sanctuary has been under consideration. However, confusion arose on account of a communication addressed by the Wildlife Institute of India (for short "WII"), indicating an area of 57,519.41 hectares. It is stated that on the basis of the said letter, a statement came to be made before this Court in an affidavit. However, the WII itself by a subsequent communication stated that the earlier letter was only a part of internal communication and the said letter was not authenticated.

4. It is, therefore, submitted that in view of this situation a statement came to be made.

5. He further submitted that there is no intention to run away from the earlier proposal of declaration of Saranda Wildlife Sanctuary.

6. From the affidavit dated 22.07.2025 sworn by Mr. Aviroop Sinha, Divisional Forest Officer, Saranda Forest Division, Chaibasa, Government of Jharkhand, we find that, at least, an area admeasuring 31,468.25 hectares, has already been notified as game sanctuary

vide Notification No. 1168 F dated 16.02.1968. As such, there should be no difficulty in notifying the said area as a Wildlife Sanctuary. The affidavit clearly states that in 126 compartments situated in the aforesaid area, neither any kind of mining excavation operations nor any diversion of Forest Land for Mining purpose has been undertaken. It is categorically stated that there are no operational mines inside the 126 compartments of the aforesaid area.

7. In that view of the matter, we see no impediment in the State proceeding to notify the aforesaid area of 31,468.25 hectares as a Wildlife Sanctuary, which has already been notified vide Notification dated 16.02.1968.

8. Insofar as the other question of including any additional area is concerned, the same is a matter to be considered by the State Government in consultation with the State Wildlife Board.

9. We had issued notice to the Chief Secretary, noticing that the State of Jharkhand was adopting a *topsy-turvy* approach and on every date and the stand was changed. Earlier though the proposal was sent by

the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest Wildlife (PCCF-WL)-cum-Chief Wildlife Warden (CMLW), Jharkhand to the State Government, the State Government again sent it back to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) for reconsideration.

10. As such, we had directed the Secretary, Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change, State of Jharkhand to remain personally present before this Court vide our order dated 16.04.2025.

11. Accordingly, on 29.04.2025, the Secretary, Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change, State of Jharkhand was present before this Court. The impression conveyed was that the State proposed to notify an area of 57,519.41 hectares as a Wildlife Sanctuary. The only difficulty indicated was that certain communications from the WII were not received. This Court had, therefore, requested the WII to furnish their comments within a stipulated period.

12. As such, a clear impression was given to the Court that the State Government intended to notify an area of 57,519.41 hectares as a Wildlife Sanctuary.

13. Subsequently, a supplementary affidavit came to be filed on 22.07.2025 stating therein that a

Committee had been constituted to conduct a comprehensive review of the boundary/area determination of the proposed sanctuary, keeping in view the interest of the State and in compliance with the orders of this Court.

14. In the meantime, an application (I.A. No. 214893 of 2025) also came up for consideration before this Court filed by one Electrosteel Castings Ltd. seeking directions to keep the proposal for notification of the Saranda Wildlife Sanctuary in abeyance.

15. In this background, we were not unjustified in gathering an impression that the State was taking the Court for a ride. As such, we had directed the Chief Secretary to remain present in the Court today. We had further clarified that if the order dated 29.04.2025 passed by this Court was complied with, the presence of the Chief Secretary shall stand dispensed with.

16. At least, insofar as an area of 31,468.25 is concerned, there appears to be no impediment to the State notifying the said area as a Wildlife Sanctuary.

17. In view of the order passed by this Court on 17.09.2025, we could have issued a mandamus to that effect today itself inasmuch as the said area is very

well identified.

18. However, Shri Sibal makes a statement that the State Government shall file an undertaking before this Court within a period of one week from today to the effect that the area of 31,468.25 hectares will be notified as a Wildlife Sanctuary.

19. If the State proposes to include any additional area to the Wildlife Sanctuary, it shall be at liberty to do so.

20. List these applications on 15.10.2025.

V. [4] I.A. NOS. 251558, 252948 & 252949 OF 2025

1. Mr. Tushar Mehta, learned Solicitor General appearing for the applicant(s) states that the order passed in IA Nos. 153500 and 153501 of 2024 would adversely effect the mining activities of the Steel Authority of India Ltd, i.e. the present applicant. It is submitted that the iron ore manufactured from the State mines is being utilized for various projects of national importance. He, therefore, submits that the Court may protect the interest of such mines.

2. Firstly, we do not find this apprehension to be correct, inasmuch the Divisional Forest Officer,

Saranda Forest Division, Chaibasa, Government of Jharkhand in his affidavit dated 22.07.2025 had categorically stated that there is no mining activity in the 126 compartments comprising the area of 31,468.25 hectares.

3. Be that as it may, we clarify that the declaration of said area as a Wildlife Sanctuary shall not affect any mining activity in respect of valid and subsisting mining leases, where such leases have already been granted and are operational.

4. Needless to state that the State shall not permit any additional mines in the said area which will be affected by the said Notification.

5. List these applications on 15.10.2025.

VI. [6] I.A. NO. 285881 OF 2024 WITH I.A. NO. 285829, 285830 OF 2024 AND I.A. NO. 300603 OF 2024:

1. The issue pertains to notifying ESZ for Corbett Tiger Reserve and Rajaji National Park.

2. Mr. Jatinder Kumar Sethi, learned D.A.G. appearing for the State of Uttarakhand states that the draft notification was sent to the MoEF&CC, however, certain issues were flagged by the NTCA and

WII. He submits that after taking those issues into consideration, revised draft has already been sent to the MoEF&CC for final consideration.

3. We would appreciate that rather than communications being exchanged, it would be appropriate that the MoEF&CC convenes a meeting with the representatives of the state of Uttarakhand, NTCA and WII and sorts out the issues. The same shall be done within a period of two weeks. We grant time till 10.11.2025 for issuing a final draft ESZ notification.

4. We clarify that hereinafter, the MoEF&CC, the NTCA, WII and State of Uttarakhand, rather than exchanging communications, would sit on a table and thrash out all the issues and come out with a final draft notification.

5. List on 11.11.2025.

VII. [7] I.A. NO. 117204 OF 2024 (CEC REPORT NO. 5 OF 2024-Status Report in Delhi Ridge)AND [7A] ISSUE REGARDING ORDER DATED 16.04.2025 PASSED IN W.P. (C)NO. 4677 OF 1985

List on 15.10.2025.

VIII. [8] I.A. NO. 253621 OF 2025 (CEC REPORT NO. 51 OF 2025):

1. By the present application the applicant - K K Birla Academy had sought permission of this Court to

construct a Research-cum-Museum Building at Plot No. 2, Institutional Area, Phase II, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. The permission is sought for since the land falls within the Morphological Ridge Area of New Delhi. The Court had, therefore, requested the CEC to examine the matter and submit a report. The CEC has accordingly submitted its report dated 28.09.2025.

2. The recommendations of the CEC are as follows:

"17. In view of the submissions made above, and upon examination of the site, the Committee notes that the project has obtained all statutory and other necessary approvals from the competent authorities for the construction of a Research-cum-Museum Project, a 'Socio-Cultural Centre' on the subject land owned by K.K. Birla Academy. The Committee is of the considered view that the proposed construction serves public purposes. In view of the foregoing facts, observations and the Public purpose of the Project, the CEC recommends that this Hon'ble Court may consider granting approval to the Applicant, K.K. Birla Academy, to utilize 30,600 Sq.Mt. (3.06 Ha) of the subject land, without any further felling of trees, for the construction of the proposed Research-cum-Museum Centre, subject to the following conditions:

a) The K.K. Birla Academy shall deposit 5% of the project cost with the Ridge management Board Fund, which, under the close supervision and direction of the Ridge Management Board, shall be used by the Delhi Forest Department for tree plantation, conservation, and development of the Delhi Ridge.

b) All the conditions imposed by various statutory authorities, especially the conditions referred to by MoEF&CC, while granting the Environmental Clearance, along with further subsequent modified conditions, shall be strictly adhered to.

c) The Applicant shall not further fell or damage any tree for the proposed construction on the 'subject land'.

d) The Applicant shall undertake the plantation of 500 sapling of indigenous species in and around the premises of the proposed project, and the Applicant shall ensure their proper upkeep to enable their survival and growth into mature trees.

e) The Applicant K.K.Birla Academy shall undertake a thorough analysis and corresponding remedial measures with respect to the waste management, rainwater harvesting, and energy conservation for the proposed Research-cum-Museum project.

f) Any other condition that the Hon'ble Court may impose."

3. Application is allowed subject to the condition that the recommendations of the CEC are scrupulously implemented by the applicant.

IX. [9] I.A. NO. 206419 OF 2025 (CEC REPORT NO. 40/2025):

List on 11.11.2025.

X. [10] I.A. NO. 185901 OF 2025 (CEC REPORT NO. 36

OF 2025)

1. The learned counsel for the State seeks time to take instructions as to within how much time the recruitment process for the posts of Beat Foresters and Forest Watchers would be completed.
2. List on 11.11.2025.

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

On the request of learned counsel for the State, list on 11.11.2025.

XII. [12] I.A. NOS. 159124/2025 & 159125/2025:

List on 11.11.2025.

XIII. [13] I.A. NOS. 205624 & 205625 OF 2025:

List on 15.10.2025.

XIV. [14] I. A. NOS. 138323 & 138324 OF 2025:

1. It would be appropriate that before these applications are considered, CEC examines the issue and submits its report.
2. Six weeks' time is granted to the CEC to submit its report.
3. Needless to state that the CEC would also give a hearing to the concerned parties.

4. List after eight weeks.

XV. [15] CONTEMPT PETITION(C) DIARY NO. 39857 OF 2024 WITH I.A. NO. 75416 OF 2025 IN W.P. (C) NO. 202 OF 1995 AND CIVIL APPEAL NO. 6790 OF 2025: [15a] I.A. NO. 81754 & 81576 OF 2025

List on 11.11.2025.

XVI. [18] IA No. 218391/2024 (CEC REPORT NO. 19 OF 2024) WITH SLP(C) DIARY NO. 22109 OF 2025

1. Ms. Anitha Shenoy, learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner seeks and is granted time to file rejoinder affidavit.

2. List on 15.10.2025.

XVII. [19] IA Nos. 125603 OF 2025 & 125604 OF 2025 WITH I. A. NO. 234942 OF 2025 [CEC REPORT NO. 45 OF 2025 in I.A. NOS. 125603 & 125604 OF 2025] WITH I.A. NO.S 232640 & 233236 OF 2025 WITH I.A. NO. 253165 OF 2025:

1. As prayed, reply shall be filed to these applications within three weeks.

2. Mr. Atmaram N.S. Nadkarni, learned senior counsel appearing for the applicant in IA No. 253165/2025 seeks permission to withdraw the said application with liberty to file afresh.

3. Accordingly, IA No. 253165/2025 is disposed of as withdrawn with the liberty as prayed for.

4. List other applications on 11.11.2025.

XVIII. ARAVALI BATCH (AS PER LISTING NOTICE DT. 08.10.2025.)

List on 15.10.2025.

XIX. IA No. 20650/2023:

**On the request of learned *Amicus Curiae*,
list on 15.10.2025.**

XX. REST OF THE MATTERS:

Not taken up.

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