



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH : NAGPUR

SUO MOTU PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.1/2025

(The Court on its Motion Vs. The State of Maharashtra and others)

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
appearances, Court's orders of directions
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Court's or Judge's orders

Mr. Devendra V. Chauhan, Senior Advocate and Government Pleader for
respondent Nos.1 to 5.

CORAM: NITIN W. SAMBRE & MRS.VRUSHALI V. JOSHI, JJ.

DATED: 10.1.2025.

The In-charge Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Wildlife along with the Field Director of the Pench Tiger Reserve and In-charge of the Umred-Pauni-Karhandla Sanctuary are physically present.

2. This Court on 6.1.2025 took *suo motu* cognizance of an incident which occurred on 31.12.2024 in Umred-Pauni-Karhandla Wildlife Sanctuary.

3. This Court had passed a detailed order on 6.1.2025 dealing with the aforesaid issue.

4. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wild Life) has filed an affidavit dated 6.1.2025 thereby demonstrating the steps taken in the aforesaid painful incident in regard to the action taken against the violators viz. Gypsy Drivers and Guides so also the corrective measure to be taken. It is brought to our notice that a Committee is constituted headed by the Deputy Director of Bor Tiger Project, Wardha so as to frame guidelines to be followed in the matter of conduct by the Gypsy Owners, Drives, Guides and also the Tourists. The said Committee is to submit the report by 14.1.2025.

5. We appreciate the immediate steps taken not only by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Wild Life) but also by the Field Director in the matter of causing an enquiry and punishing the violators viz. Gypsy Drivers and the Guides.
6. However, there is something more required to be done at the end of the Forest Department.
7. The learned Government Pleader submits that an additional affidavit shall be placed on record by 18.1.2025 depicting the progress in the matter.
8. We direct the Government Pleader to provide entire set of documents to the learned *Amicus* Mr. Sudheer Voditel.
9. Stand over to 20.1.2025.

(MRS.VRUSHALI V.JOSHI, J.)

(NITIN W. SAMBRE, J.)